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CHRISTIAN

SPIRE '56

ALGEBRA

WORLD
HISTORY

THE SPIRE 1956

It is an established tradition that our yearbook is called the SPIRE. A spire which reaches high into the heavens is an appropriate symbol of our attempt to aspire towards God through Christian education.

SPIRE 56

ILLIANA

CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

LANSING, ILL.

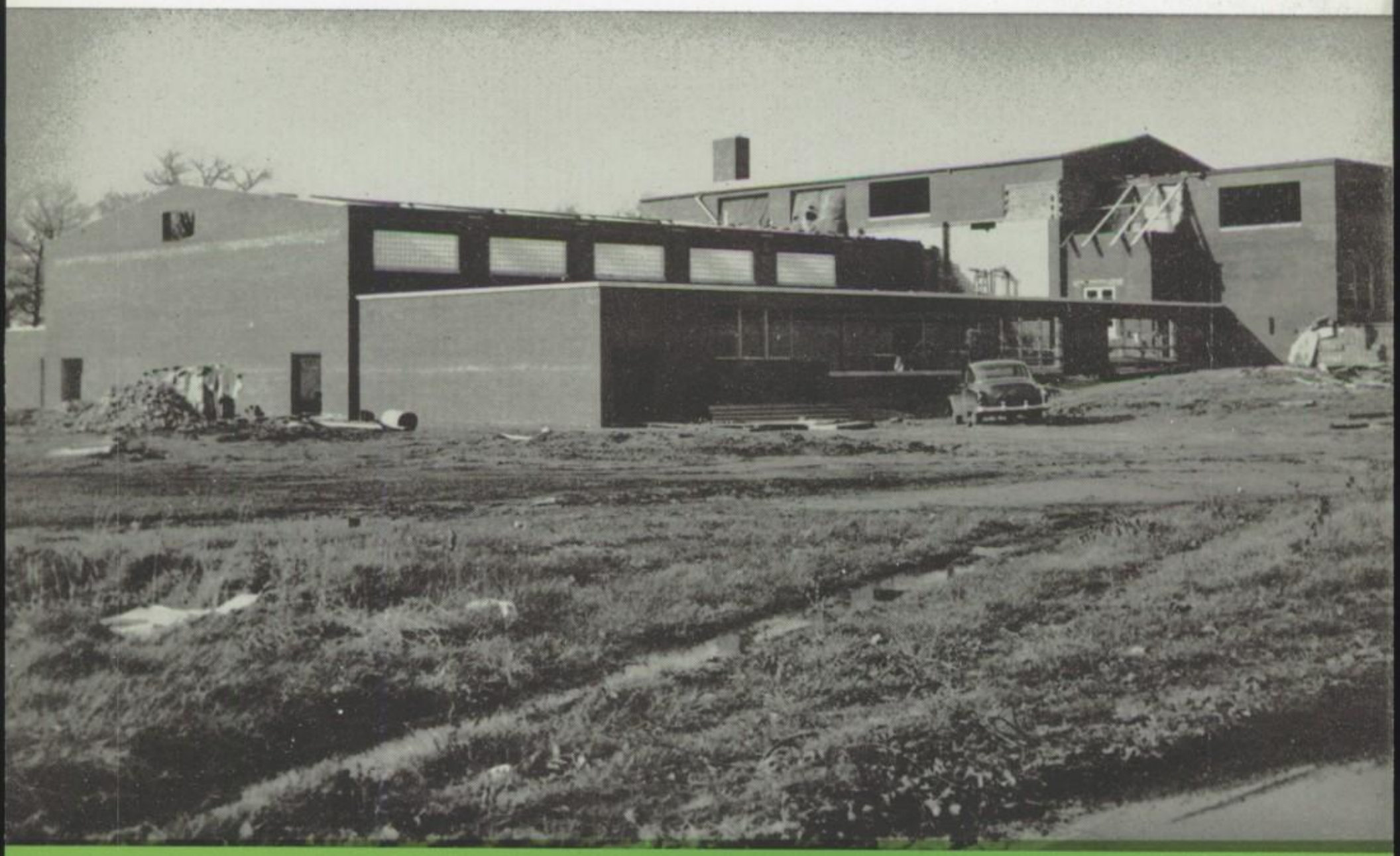
Now the library will serve as a study room . . . .

The birth of a new longed-for addition.

Getting the gym ready for its first event . . . . graduation.

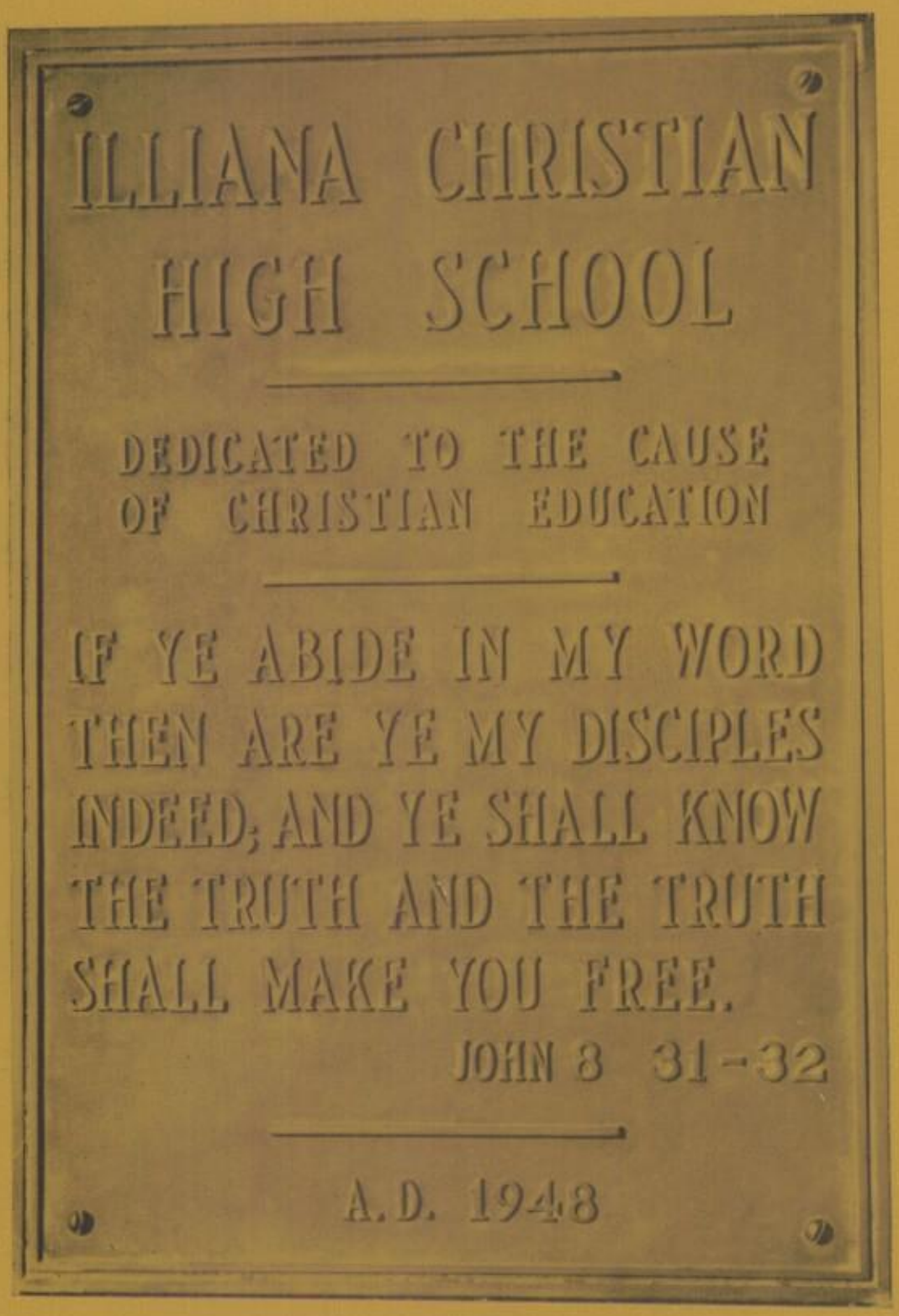
This year we were plagued by drafty hallways and classrooms, noisy jackhammers, dusty surroundings, interrupted schedules, leaky roofs, and littered hallways and passageways due to this year's construction program. But we were able to endure these hardships cheerfully because we knew that the new addition would be worth it all.

Rear view of nearly completed cafeteria and gym.



FOREWORD

We, the anual staff of '56 are proud to present this Spire to you. Efforts have been made through pictures, thoughts, and careful planning, to show you some of the typical activities of Illiana. The staff sincerely hopes you will enjoy looking through and reading this book as much as we have enjoyed planning it.



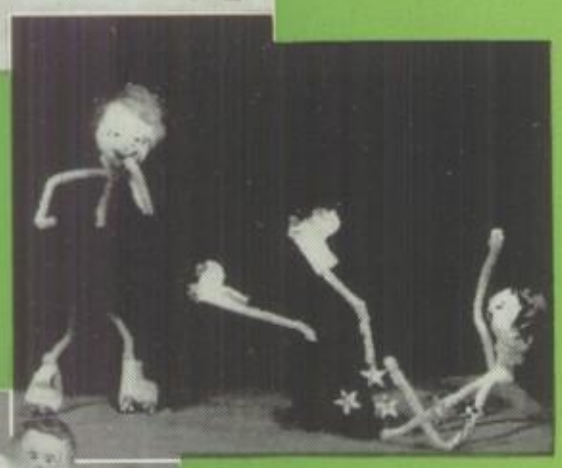
DEDICATION

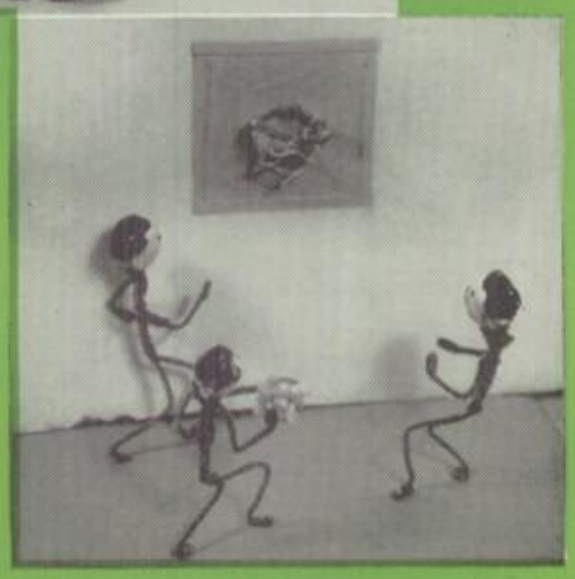
MR. WILLIAM T. SCHIPPER

What's the joke?

As long as we can remember, Mr. Schipper has been a fixture here at Illiana. He has been our enthusiastic class sponsor, and has given us advice at times when we most needed it. Mr. Schipper, for your warm friendship and sincere counselling we wish to dedicate this annual to you.

Class of '56





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ADMINISTRATION

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TONY VAN PROOYEN
JIM WIERSMA

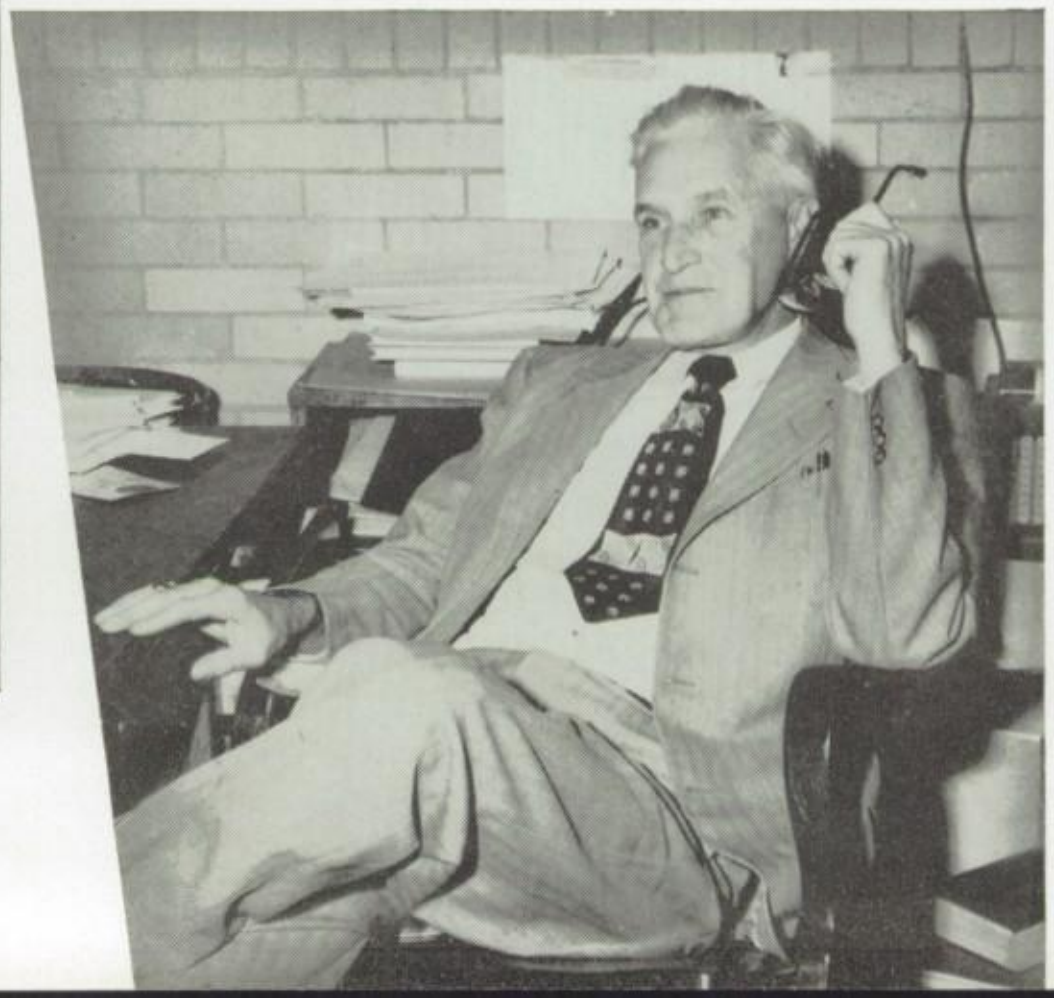
As you are on the verge of completing your four years of high school and look retrospectively upon those years, you may experience a variety of reactions. You may be aware of satisfaction in work well done, you may be conscious of genuine intellectual and spiritual growth, you may cherish new friendships and new values acquired through those years, or you may be troubled by a consciousness of indifferent attitudes, of poor achievements, and of neglected opportunities. What ever the record may be, the record stands. There is little we can do about the past, there is much we can do about the future. If you have made a good beginning, may you by the grace of God build on that good foundation and go on to ever greater achievement " as ever in the great Taskmaster's eye". If on the other hand you have not been good stewards of the time and talents that have been entrusted to you, be encouraged by the fact that every new day offers opportunities to take a new hold and to rectify old mistakes. If we sincerely seek divine strength and guidance in overcoming our weaknesses and shortcomings, the future is full of promise, no matter what the past may be.

Sincerely,

C. Van Beek

Mr. Cornelius Van Beek

"Now, tell me your problem."



Mr. Van Beek looking down on what's going on.

"I wouldn't bother to study that if I were you. We'll be here again next year" . . . gains the students' respect through gentle sarcasm . . . a pleasant understanding principal to all.

PRINCIPAL

Mr. Cornelius Van Beek, Principal, Latin, English, Calvin College, A.B., De Paul University, A.M., University of Chicago.

LATIN

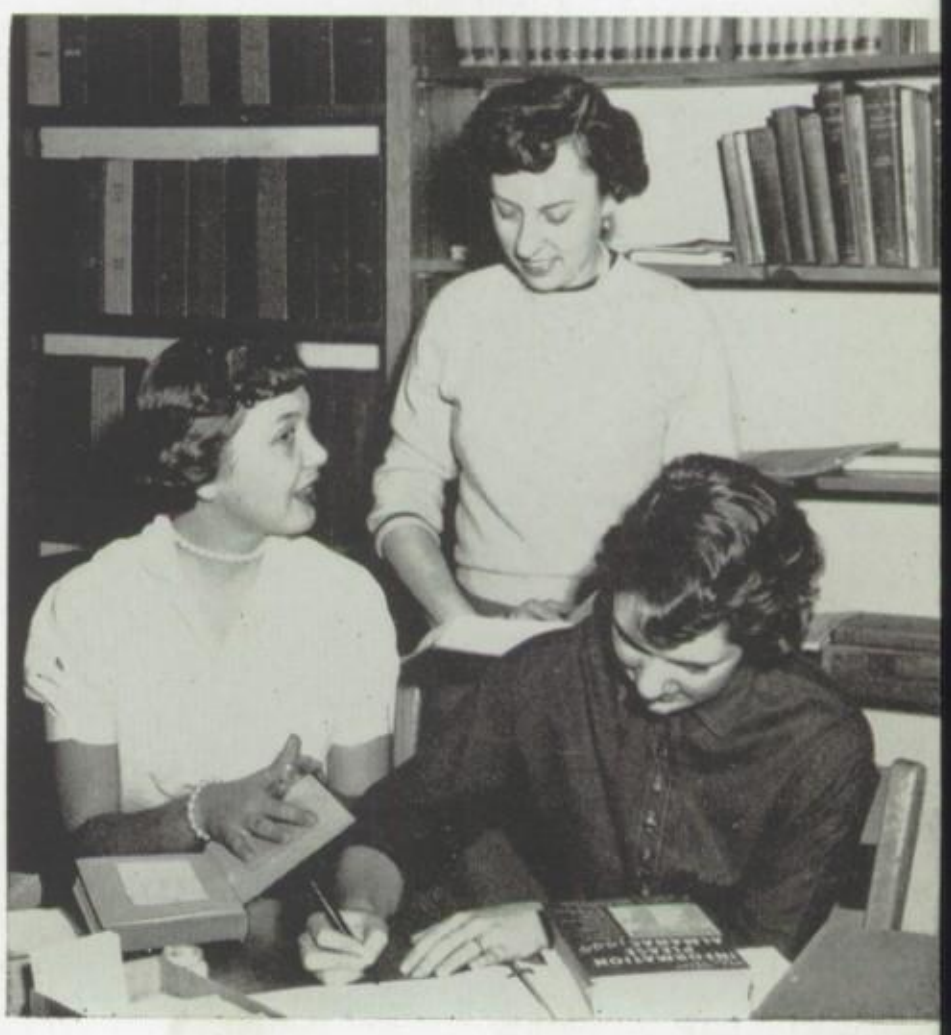
Latin students wrestling with Ceasar in Gaul.

"Now let's see . . . . it was here a minute ago."

HISTORY · LIBRARIAN

"Should I make a list of the over-due books?"

Pat Vander Aa
Miss Schuringa
Marilyn Van Beek



Miss Kathryn Schuringa
Social Science,
Calvin College, A.B.
University of Michigan, M.A.

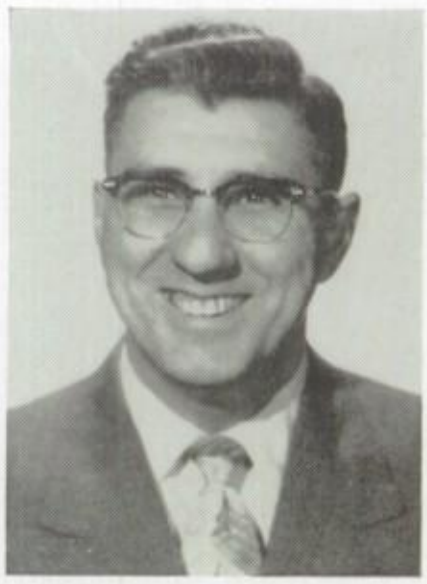
A chic dresser . . . school librarian . . . "Where there's life, there's hope" . . . conducts her interesting classes with an iron hand clad in silk.

" aa — ee — ah — oh — oo"

MUSIC

. . . "only two more rehearsals! Well, if you people aren't worried about this concert, I'm not" . . . is proud of his new music room . . . with rolled-up sleeves and coat off he has a ready-to-go attitude.

Mr. George Zafros,
Band, Choir, Music,
Vander Cook College, B.M.E.,
Chicago Musical College



This exercise helps eliminate that bay window.

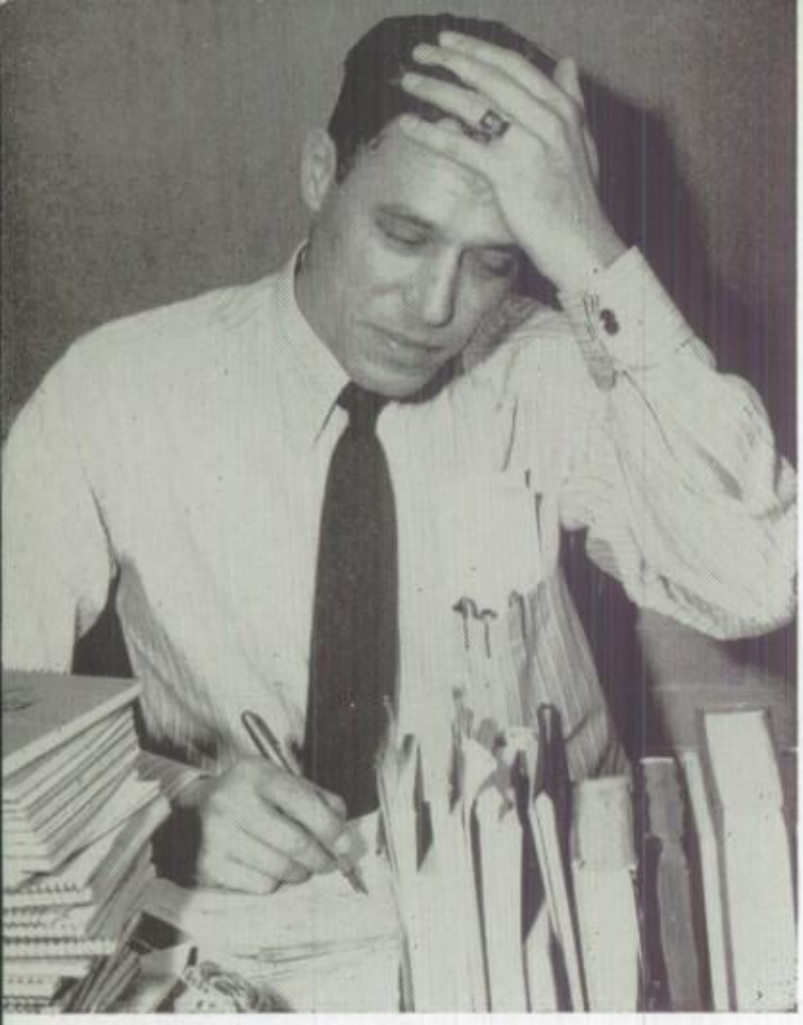
"Now, when I was with Swift and Company"
. . . plays Cupid, and enjoys it . . . gives
"opportunities" in the form of tests.

Marlene Olthof, Mr. De Young—"And how are your classes lately?"

Mr. Clarence R. De Young
Chemistry, Biology, Agriculture,
Iowa State College, B.S.,
Wheaton College.

SCIENCE

"Brewing a potent solution"—Ahleen Terpstra, Andy Rietveld, Jacque La Reau, Frank Van Baren.

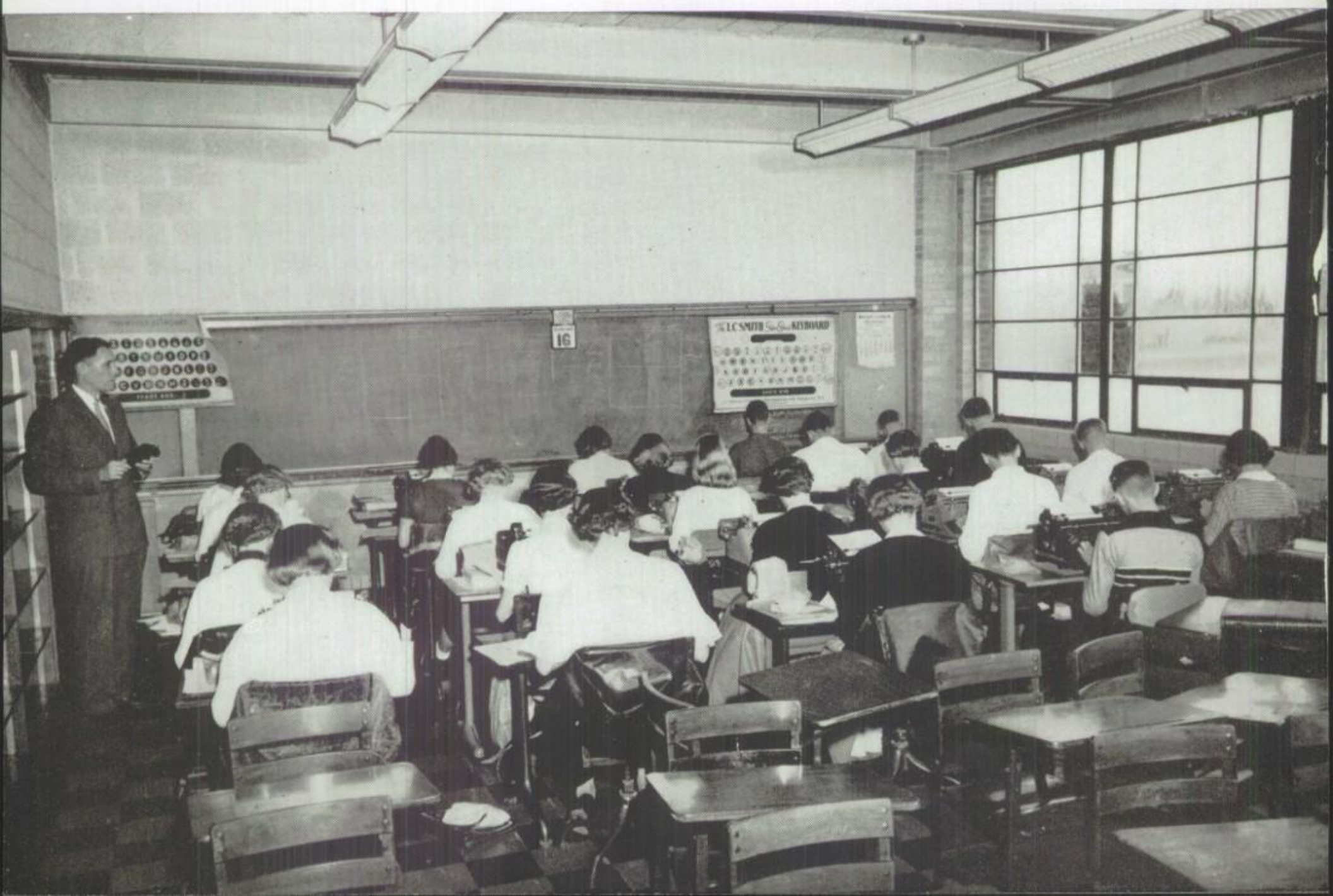


"Grading period ends tomorrow. I'll never get finished."

"Do you want your seventh period now, or would you rather wait until I catch you?" . . . has family-style classes . . . loves a brown wardrobe . . . has a habit of writing notes to himself, and forgetting them . . .

Mr. William T. Schipper
Business Subjects,
Northwestern University, B.B.A.,
Northwestern University, A.M.

"Fingers on the keys. All set for another timing?"



"Now let's see, this worked last year."

SCIENCE · MATH

Carole Van Zuidam, Mr. Vanden Hoek—"Here's my list of absences."

Mr. John W. Vanden Hoek
Physics, General Science, Mathematics,
Central College, A.B.,
University of Iowa.

. . . "I'm well aware of that" . . . proud of his "flat top" hair cut . . . talks a "blue streak" . . . tall, dark, and handy around the house . . .

Ventilating the old and the new.

"Oh, horrors!" . . . "He who litters shall sweep." . . . colloquial in manner and speech . . . also, a master of irony and satire . . .

Mr. Donald Oppewal
English, Spire Advisor
Calvin College, A.B.
University of Michigan, A.M.

ENGLISH

You can tell by the way they're working they are Seniors!

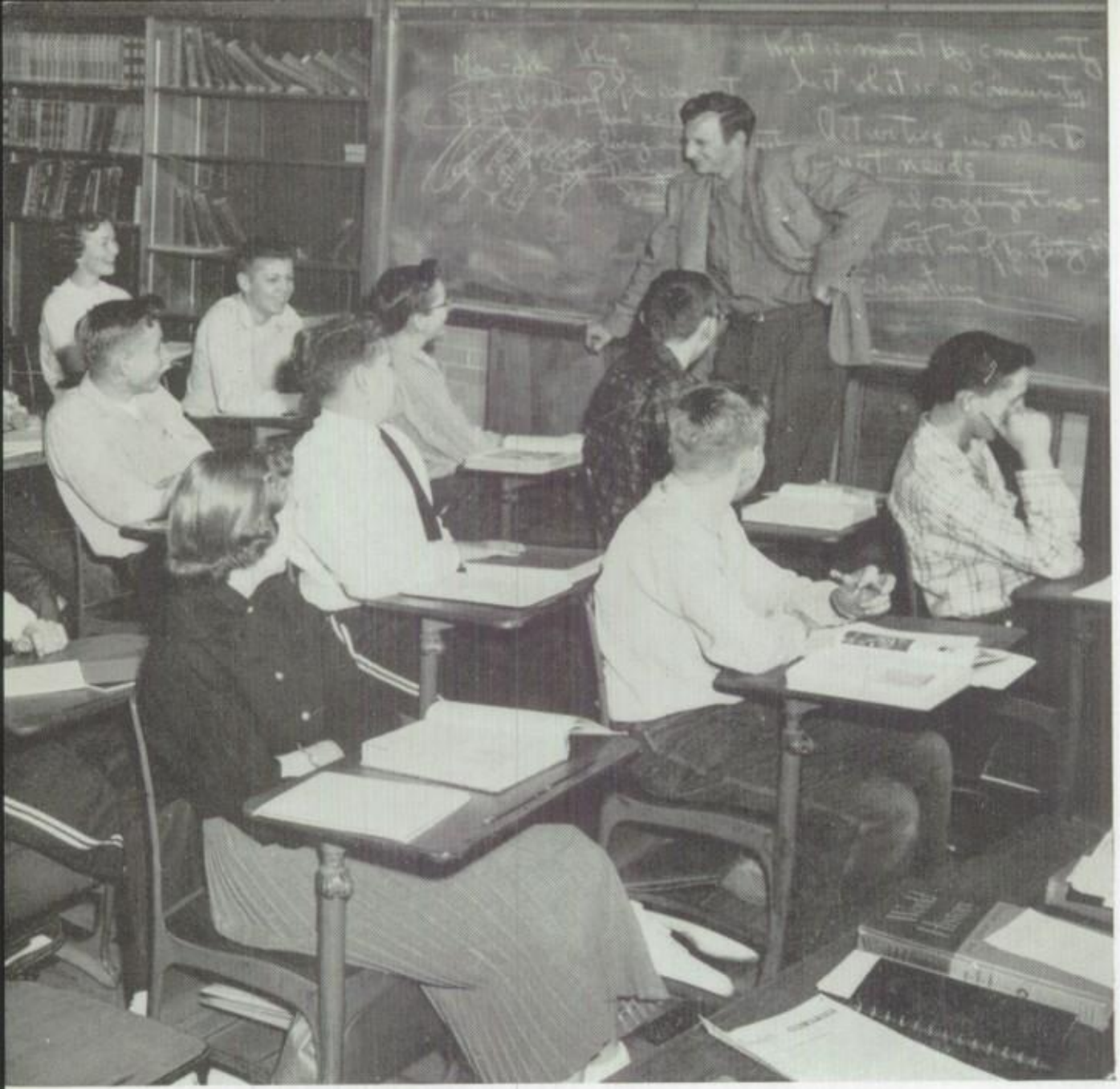
"You've got to know all the angles."

"Don't let the smoke get in your eyes!"

MATHEMATICS

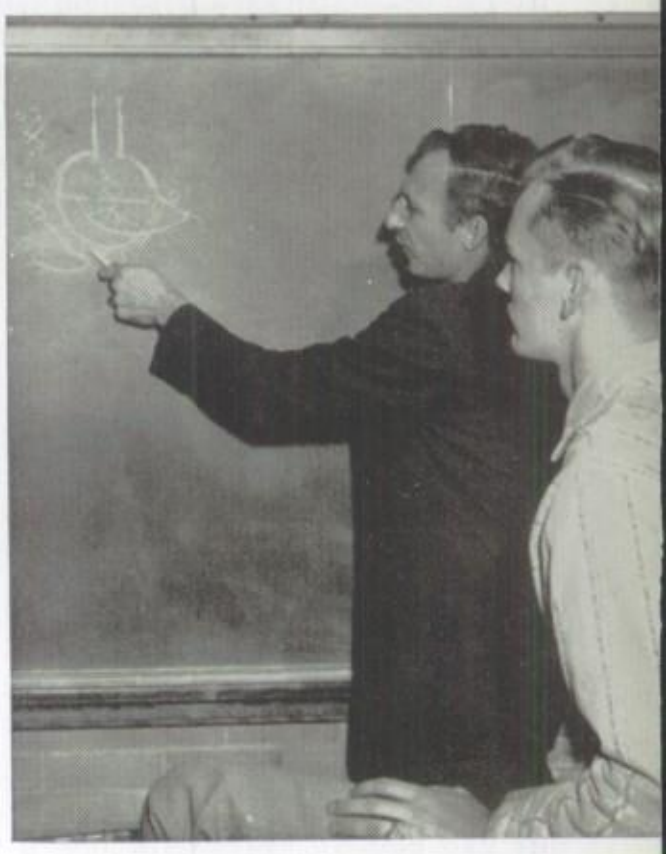
Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry
Calvin College, A.B.
Mr. Clarence D. Landhuis

. . . "Ahem — your tardy excuse, please!" . . . a real classy dresser . . . has a calm, cool, and collected personality . . .



Mixing humor and history.

".... and then the foreward makes the shot."—Mr. De Ruiter, Jim Swets—



SOCIAL SCIENCE

Mr. Clarence De Ruiter,
History, Civics
Calvin College. A.B.
Catholic University, M.A.

. . . "All right, fine" . . . is an active organizer of sports . . . has spark and zeal . . . emphasizes school spirit . . .

We have had a number of ministers and teachers assist us in our Bible department this year. They have helped us considerably despite their own busy schedules.

Rev. Oliver Buus

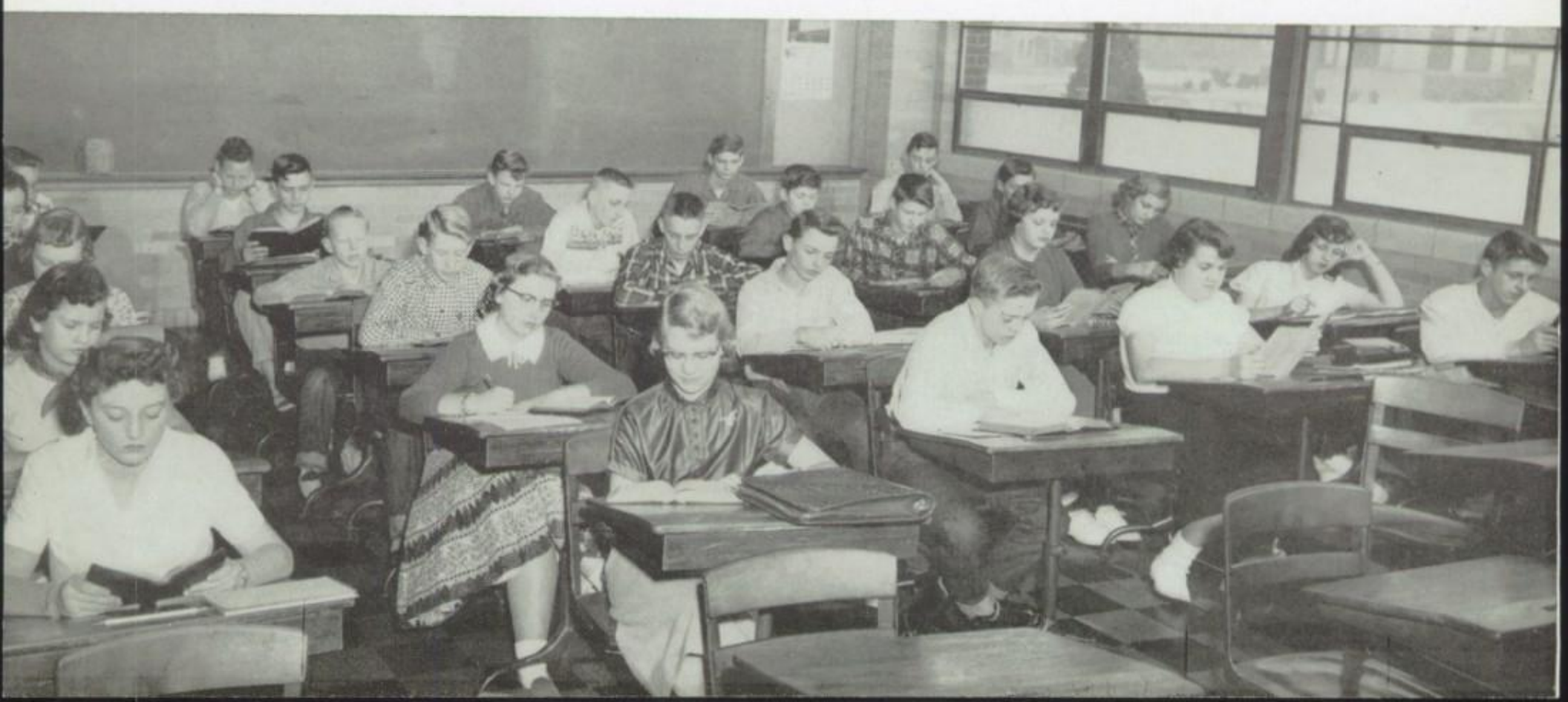
Mr. Jay Poel

Rev. Clarence De Haan

Mr. T. Van Vleet

BIBLE

Searching the scriptures.



"Now, let's see."

Miss Lillian A. Eiten
English, Latin, Echo Advisor
Central College
Calvin College, A.B.

. . . has a habit of saying "surely" . . . is very sincere in manner and speech . . . statuesque . . . is often seen hurrying about . . .

ENGLISH · LATIN

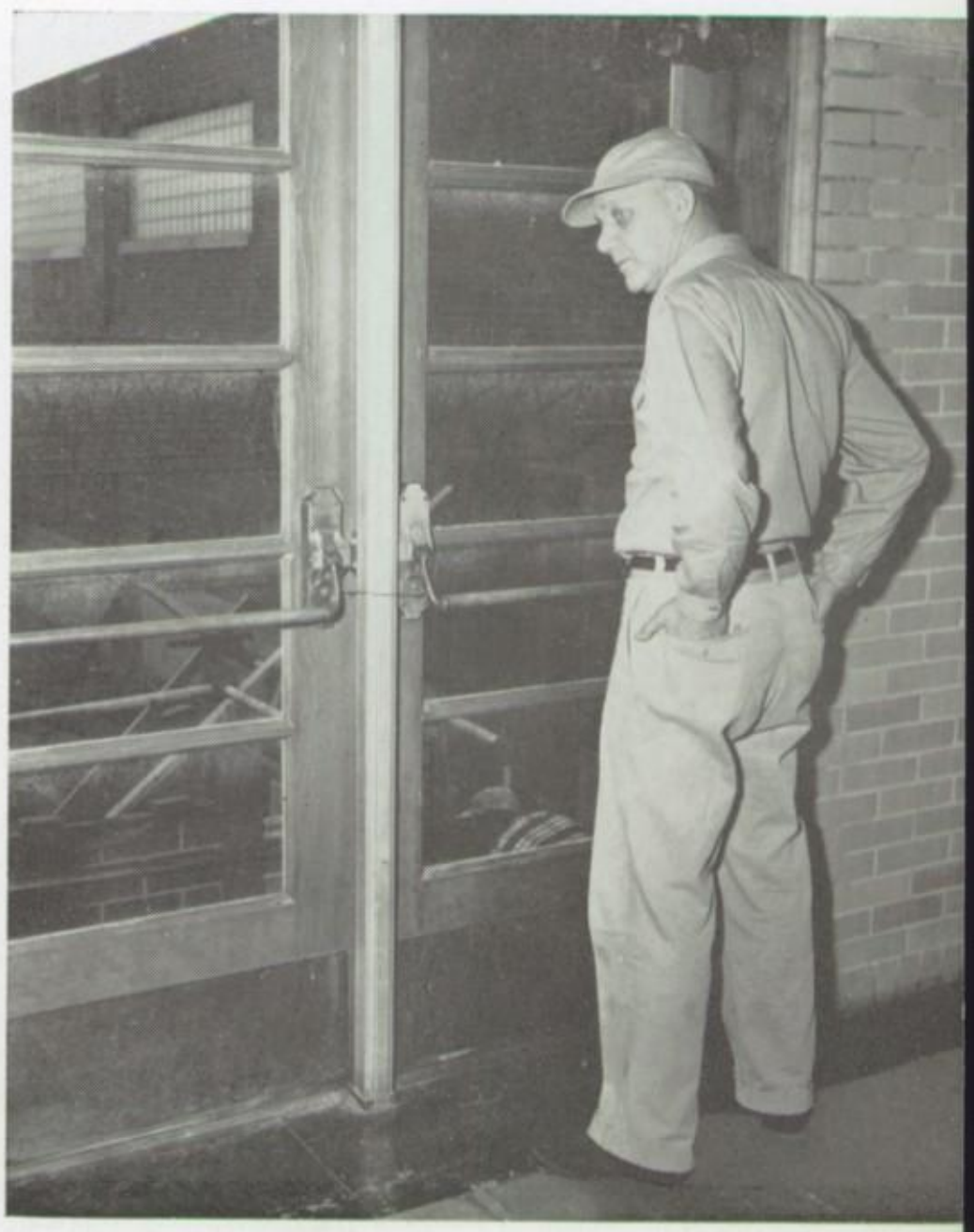
Trying to think of something to write about.

SECRETARY

Our most capable secretary, Mrs. Jean Brink, is pictured handing out an absent excuse to Rich Terpstra. This is one of the numerous tasks she faithfully exercises, daily here at Illiana.

The new addition on our school has added much work for our reliable janitor, Pete Cook, but he has managed to take it in his stride; and has kept Illiana as clean as is humanly possible.

MAINTENANCE



LADIES AUXILIARY

The Ladies Auxiliary is composed chiefly of students' mothers. Their work is to raise money for Illiana, which is done through the sponsoring of movies, choirs, bake sales, and various other activities. It also proves to be a welcome break for most of the housewives. Without their help, Illiana would be without many of its added features.

SAMPLE PROGRAM:

October 13, 1955
At the Illiana High School, 8 P.M.
Devotions — Chairman
Business
Program:
Pictures of the Orient — by Mr. Don Powers
Clarinet duet — by Jan Hoeksema, Karen Blom
Refreshments

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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SENIORS

EUNICE VANDER WEIDE
Secretary

BETTY HOOKER
Vice President

CAROL SLAGER
Treasurer

ANDREW RIETVELD
President

CLASS OFFICERS

EMMELENE BAKKER

Speak up young lady and show your worth: there's a definite spot for you on this earth.

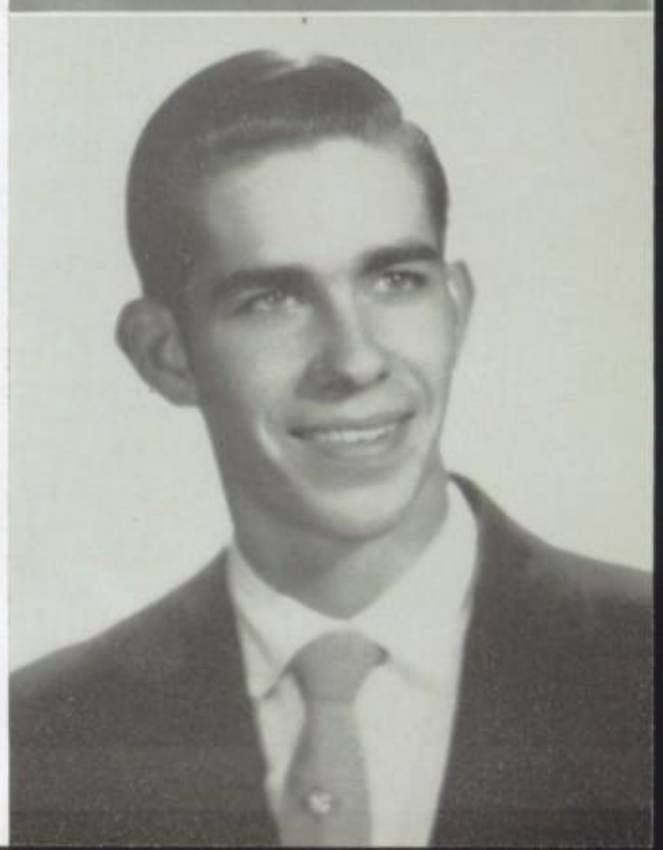
ANCO BALKEMA

Nothing is impossible to a willing heart.

He who knows, and knows that he knows, is a Senior; follow him.

SHEILA BOELENS

She looks quiet, but look again.



RONALD BOENDER

A gentleman ever with enemies few; he's seldom if ever crying the blues.

NEIL BOOMSMA

I wish the gang to be well treated . . . especially since I live in it.

NORMA BOONSTRA

Diamonds are a girl's best friend.

SENIORS

HENRY BOSCH

Girls may come, girls may go, but I go on forever.

CARL BULTEMA

What I've been taught I forgot, what I know I've guessed.

LOUELLA BULTEMA

A good heart is better than all the heads in the world.

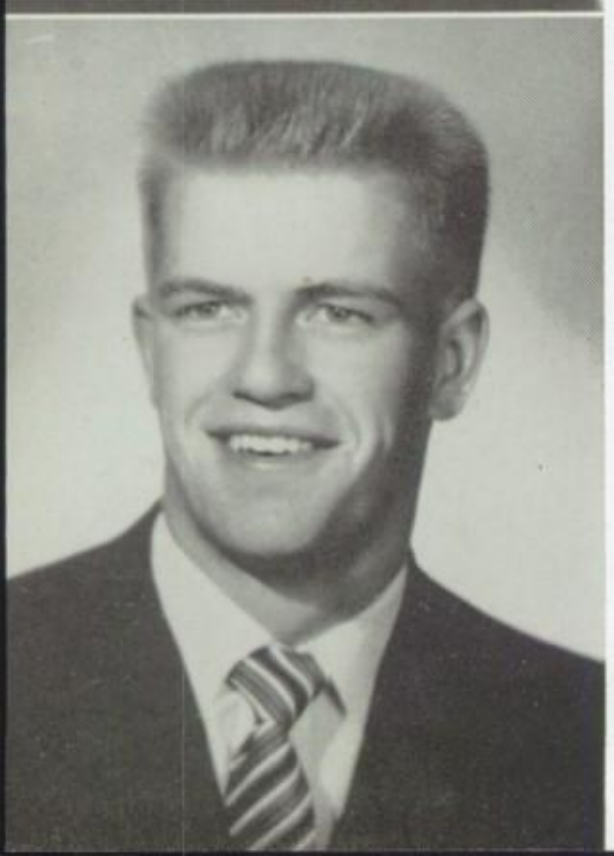
LEROY De GRAAF

His virtues are many, his faults are few; he always does well what he aims to do.

FOR 1956

BARBARA De VALK

She's witty to talk with, pretty to walk with, and pleasant to think on.



RICHARD De VRIES

My heart is not my own; but it is in good hands.

GRACE De YOUNG

Blond, blue-eyed and very gay, to every heart she wins a way.

BEVERLY EYLANDER

I live and laugh and love and sing.

SENIORS

CAROL HOEKSTRA

Her manner so loyal and mild, fits with her pleasant smile.

THEODORE HOEKSTRA

To study or not to study; that is the question.

BETTY HOOKER

Small of stature, dresses smart, makes her friendship so dear to heart.

SYLVIA HUIZINGA

She laughs and giggles all the day, a cute little girl with a cute little way.

FOR 1956

RICHARD KAMSTRA

Tut, tut my man, girls won't hurt you.

ROSE KAMSTRA

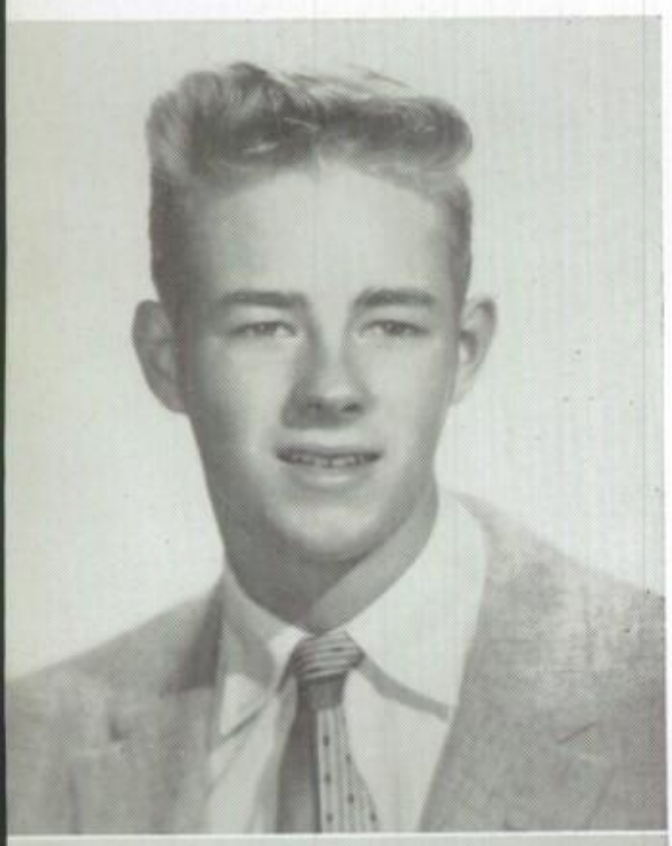
She looks like an angel, and acts like one too; but you never can tell what an angel can do.

JACQUELINE La REAU

Me thinks she looks like she's in love.

KATHERYN POORTINGA

A silent tongue and a true heart are most admirable things.



SENIORS

CALVIN PORTER

I love work; it fascinates me; I can sit and stare at it for hours.

CHARLES PYNAKKER

A little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men.

VERNON RECKER

When you walk; don't crawl; that means move; haste makes waste, so why hurry.

HERMAN RIDDER

A great deal of work is in him; but it has yet to come out.

FOR 1956

ANDREW RIETVELD

At basketball he can't be beat, a nicer guy it's hard to meet.

DORIS SCHEPEL

If teachers were banished, her life would be bliss.

CAROL SLAGER

Sweet and pretty; a friend today, tomorrow and always.

PATRICIA SLUIS

Quiet, but pleasant to know.

SENIORS

JAMES SMIT

I know a lot, but can't think of it; I did know, but I forgot.

CAROL SVENCNER

Happy am I, from care I am free; why aren't they all content like me!

ARLENE SWART

Either I will find a way or I will make one.

JAMES SWETS

Where the stream runs smoothest, the water is deepest.

FOR 1956

IRENE TALLEY

In her own quiet way, she accomplishes her task.

ANDREW TEMPLEMAN

Whatever is worth doing at all, is worth doing well.

AHLEEN TERPSTRA

What makes her look so sweet and sly; we know there's mischief in her eye!

FRANK VAN BAREN

A combination rare but true; an athlete, friend and good fellow, too.

SENIORS

MARLENE VANDER GEEST

Her witty jest, her frequent smile, makes her friendship well worthwhile.

ELEANOR VANDER VLIET

Bursting with humor and with zest, she's the better of the best.

LILLIAN VANDER WALL

Argue early, argue late, if a line were crooked, she'd argue it straight.

EUNICE VAN DER WEIDE

She speaks, behaves, and acts as she should.

FOR 1956

MINNIE VAN KEPPEL

The best of pals for any girl, but she doesn't make girls her specialty.

CAROLE VAN ZUIDAM

Neither carefree, nor too glad, nor too studious, nor too sad.

ARTHUR VERHULST

Friendly, sincere, cooperative this man of ours; always ready and willing and able.

FRED VISSER

A man of many inches and every inch a man.

SENIORS 1956

BEVERLY WALSTRA

A quiet girl, but quite a girl.

JAY ZANDSTRA

If he were as long as his line, he'd be a giant.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

I, Emmelene Bakker, leave my ability to get along with the teachers to Jay Pettit.
I, Anco Balkema, leave my math ability to Henry Dykema, who really doesn't need it.
I, Sheila Boelens, leave my short hair to Joanne Porter for the time when she gets tired of her pony-tail.
I, Ronald Boender, leave my good trumpet playing to John Kraai, hoping he does as well.
I, Neil Boomsma, leave my good behavior in Mr. Schipper's room to Clyde Smits.
I, Norma Boonstra, left already.
I, Henry Bosch, leave with the motto, "Let bygones be bygones".
I, Carl Bultema, left and glad I'm gone.

I, Louella Bultema, leave hoping the faculty will find someone else capable to make "good" coffee for them.
I, Leroy De Graaf, leave my height to Jim Eenigenburg.
I, Barbara De Valk, leave to become the wife of Joe Van Schouwen in the near future.
I, Rich De Vries, leave wishing I could take Jeannie along.
I, Grace De Young, leave my piano playing ability to Vernon Bultema.
I, Carol Hoekstra, leave Mr. Shipper's shorthand class with tears in my eyes.
I, Theodore Hoekstra, leave my "naturally" curly hair to Connie Kuiper.

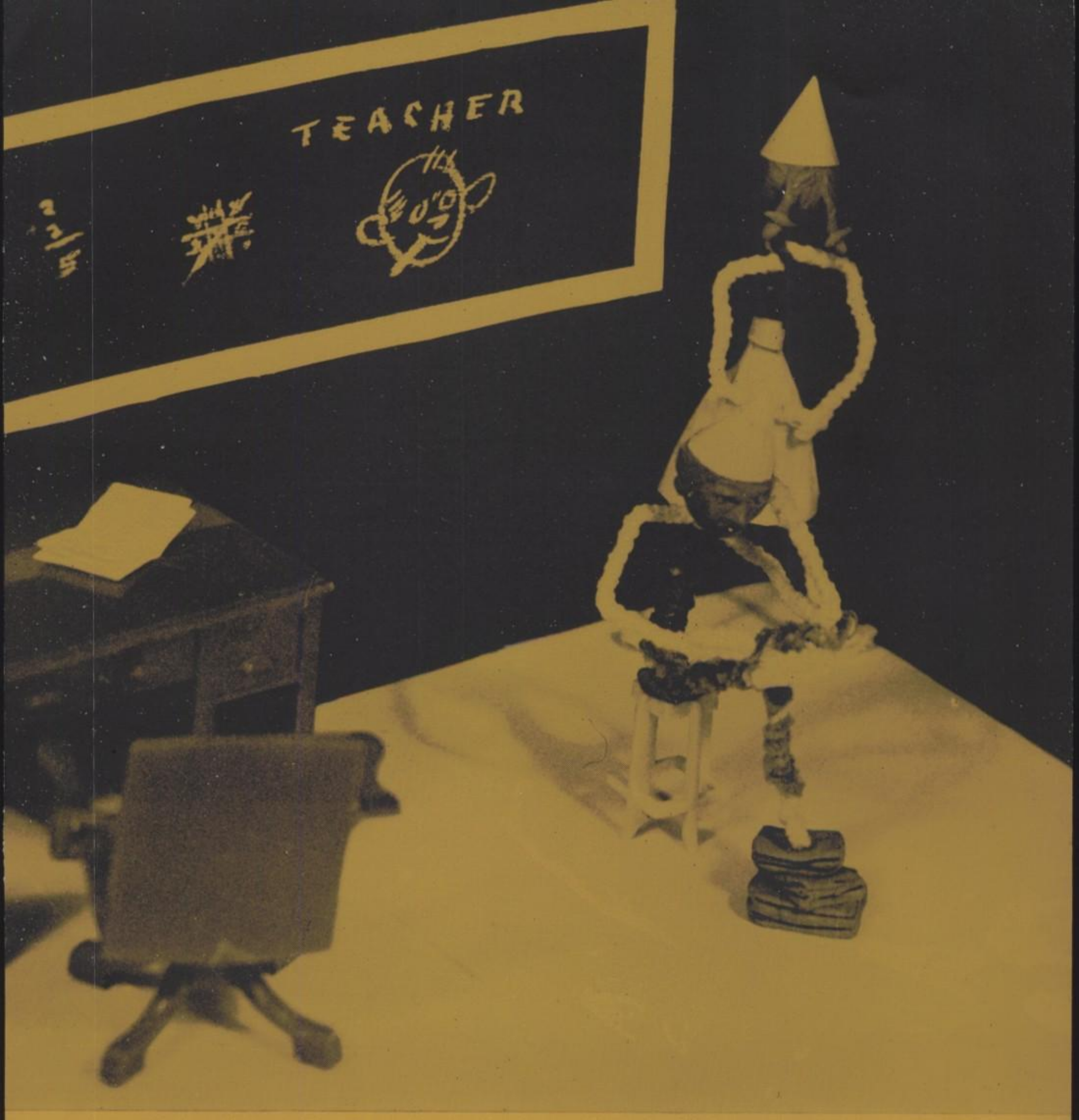
I, Betty Hooker, leave my extensive wardrobe to Betty Van Wieren to add to her own collection.
I, Sylvia Huizinga, leave my over abundance of energy to anyone who needs it.
I, Rich Kamstra, leave as quietly as I came, hoping no one will catch me at it.
I, Rose Kamstra, leave to become an efficient secretary.
I, Jackie La Reau, leave my school spirit to any dead beat who needs it.
I, Katheryn Poortenga, leave quietly and happy.
I, Calvin Porter, leave to meet "the gang".
I, Chuck Pynakker, leave knowing I'll miss spending my noon

hours with that certain somebody.
I, Vern Recker, leave in a cloud of dust in my Ford.
I, Herman Ridder, leave still wishing I could have taken my car with its school colors to Washington, D. C.
I, Andrew Rietveld, leave hoping Mr. Zafros remembers the greatest section in choir, (tenors).
I, Doris Schepel, leave glad it's all over.

I, Carol Slager, leave my brown eyes to Pat Vander Aa.
I, Pat Sluis, leave to become a nurse, unless someone changes my mind.
I, Jim Smith, leave still saying "I'm tough; just ask me".
I, Carol Svencner, leave glad I'm through with bookkeeping.
I, Arlene Swart, leave my singing ability to Lynn Zeilenga.
I, Jim Swets, leave hoping to become your pastor in a few years.
I, Irene Talley, leave glad to depart.

I, Andrew Templeman, leave my blond hair to Jack Van Prooyen.
I, Frank Van Baren, leave my outstanding wardrobe to Harvard Vander Vliet.

I, Marlene Vander Geest, leave returning to the best place in the world — Wisconsin.
I, Eleanor Vander Vliet, leave all the positions I've filled to anyone competent enough to handle them.
I, Lillian Vander Wall, leave my lovely complexion to Charlotte Vander Weide.
I, Eunice Vander Weide, leave my quiet manner to Cecelia Meeter.
I, Minnie Van Keppel, leave hoping Mr. Schipper will never forget his "best" shorthand class.
I, Carole Van Zuidam, leave my careful driving to Joanne De Leeuw.
I, Art Verhulst, leave my Dutch brogue to Alice Vander Beek.
I, Fred Visser, leave my aggressive personality to Harry Holwerda.
I, Beverly Walstra, leave glad that Freddie is leaving with me.
I, Jay Zandstra, leave dozing off as I say this.
We, Beverly Eylander and Ahleen Terpstra, leave glad that we're finished writing this.



UNDERCLASSMEN

JUNIORS

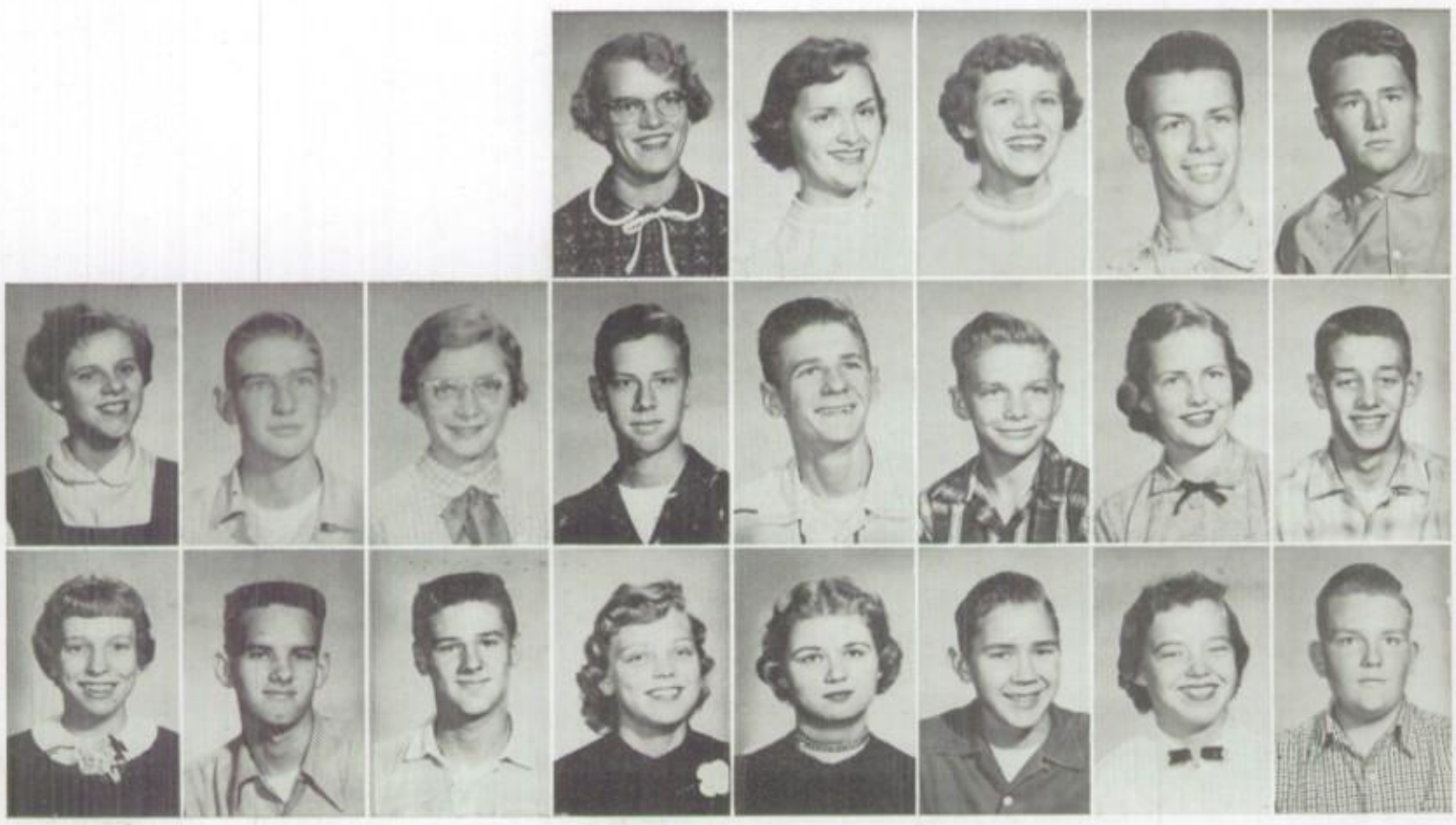
He who knows, and knows, not that he knows, is a Junior; lead him.

WILMA WIERSMA ..... Treasurer
RICH SMITS ..... President
CECELIA MEETER ..... Secretary
HENRY DYKEMA ..... Vice President

MARCIA BAKKER, KAREN BLOM, JEAN BORST, CHESTER BULTEMA, HENRY DYKEMA.

CAROL DYKSTRA, TED DE JONG, JOANNE DE LEEUW, BOB DE VRIES, JACK DE VRIES, JAMES EENIGENBURG, JOYCE EENIGENBURG, RONALD ERICKS.

KAREN FABER, JACK FISHER, ROBERT HARKEMA, JANET HOEKSMA, ARLENE HOFFMAN, HARRY HOLWERDA, ANNETTE HUIZENGA, RICH HUIZENGA.



TOM KRYGSHELD, CONNIE KUIPER, LUELLA LICH, PETE LOLKEMA, BILL MABRY, CECELIA MEETER, MARY LOU MEPPELINK, ELAINE OOMS.

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MARCELLA SCHEPEL, JOHN SCHOON, DON SIMPSON, CLYDE SMITS, JANET SMITS, RICH SMITS, JANET STAMMIS, BEVERLY TIEMENS.

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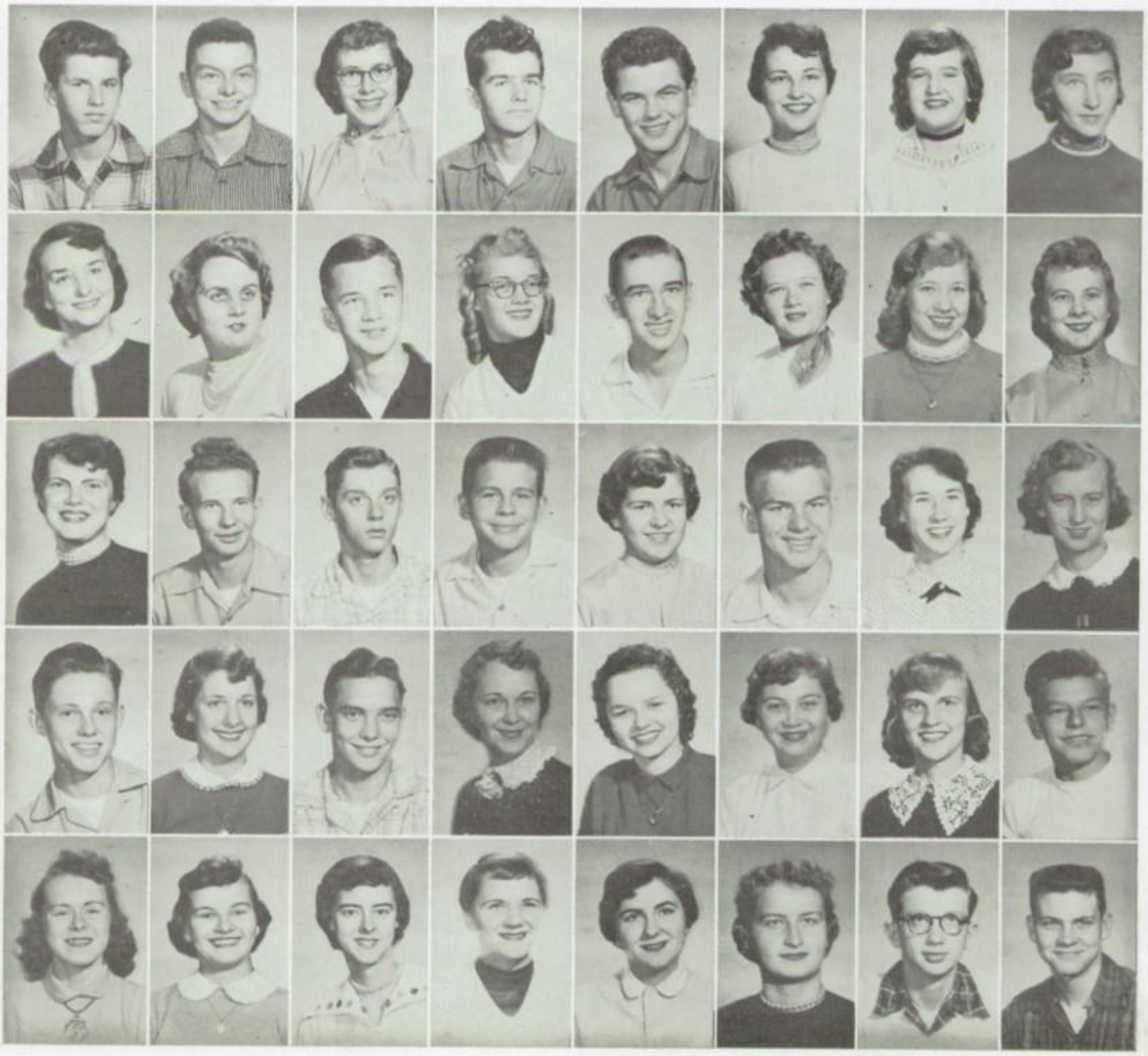

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He who knows not, and
knows that he knows not,
is a Sophomore; teach him.

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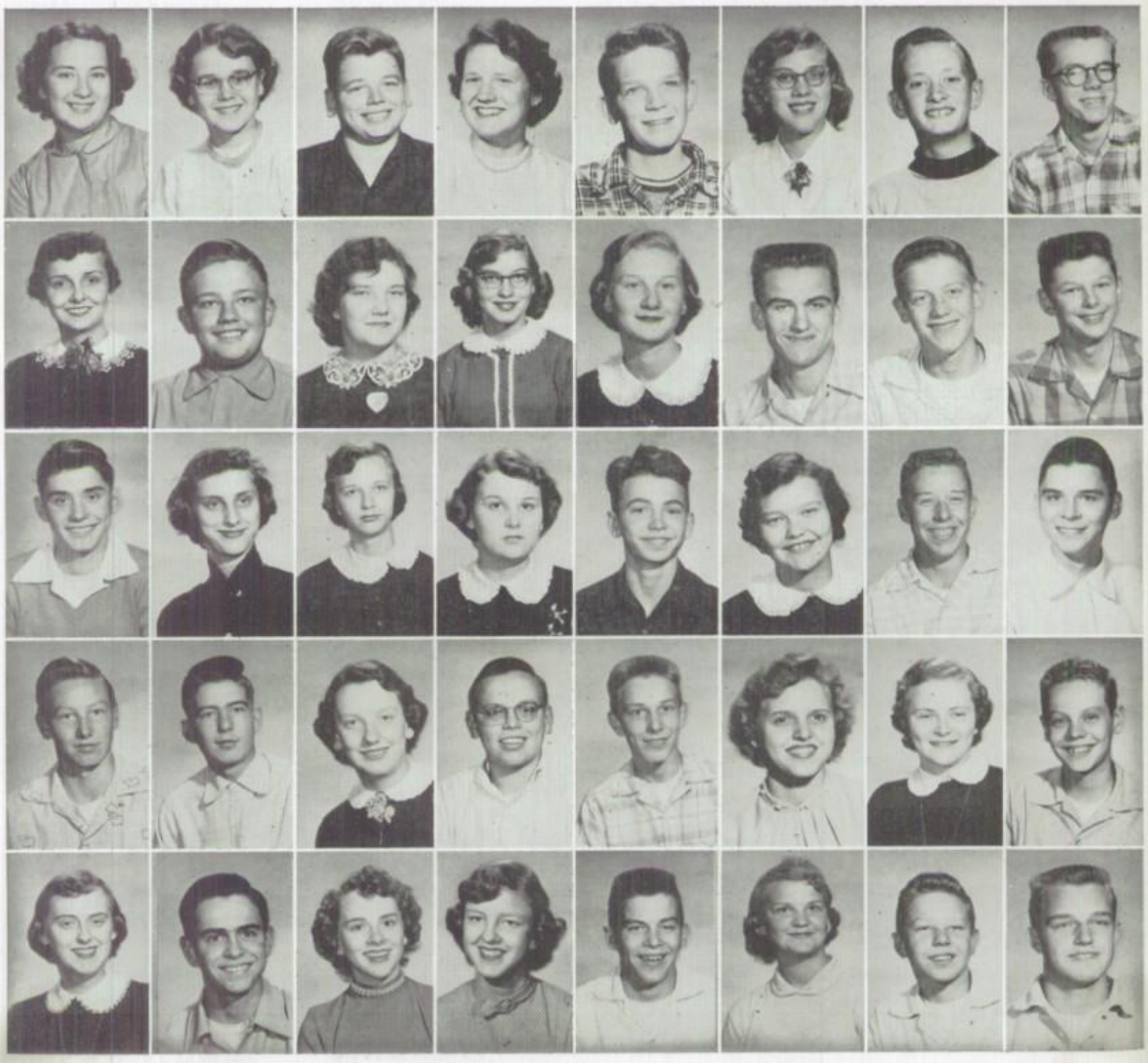

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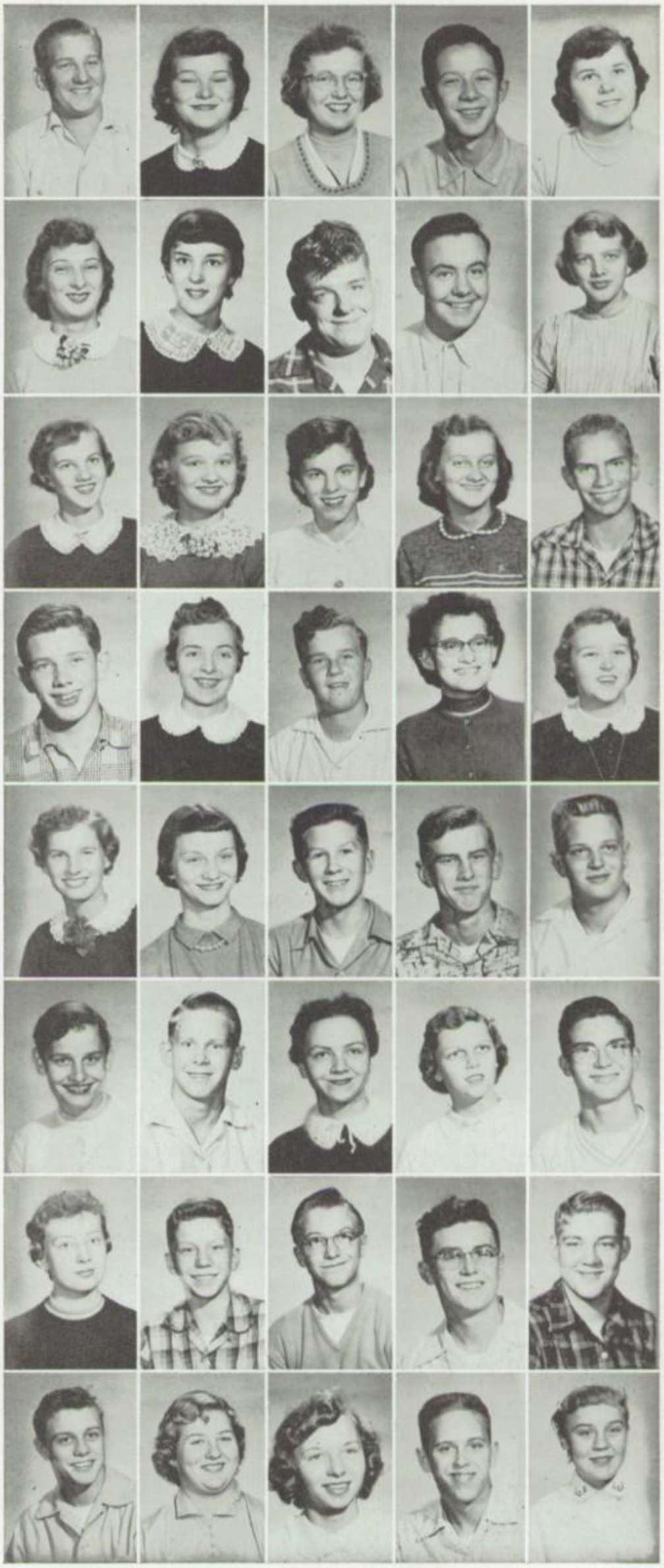

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He who knows not, and knows not that he knows not, is a Freshman; tend him.

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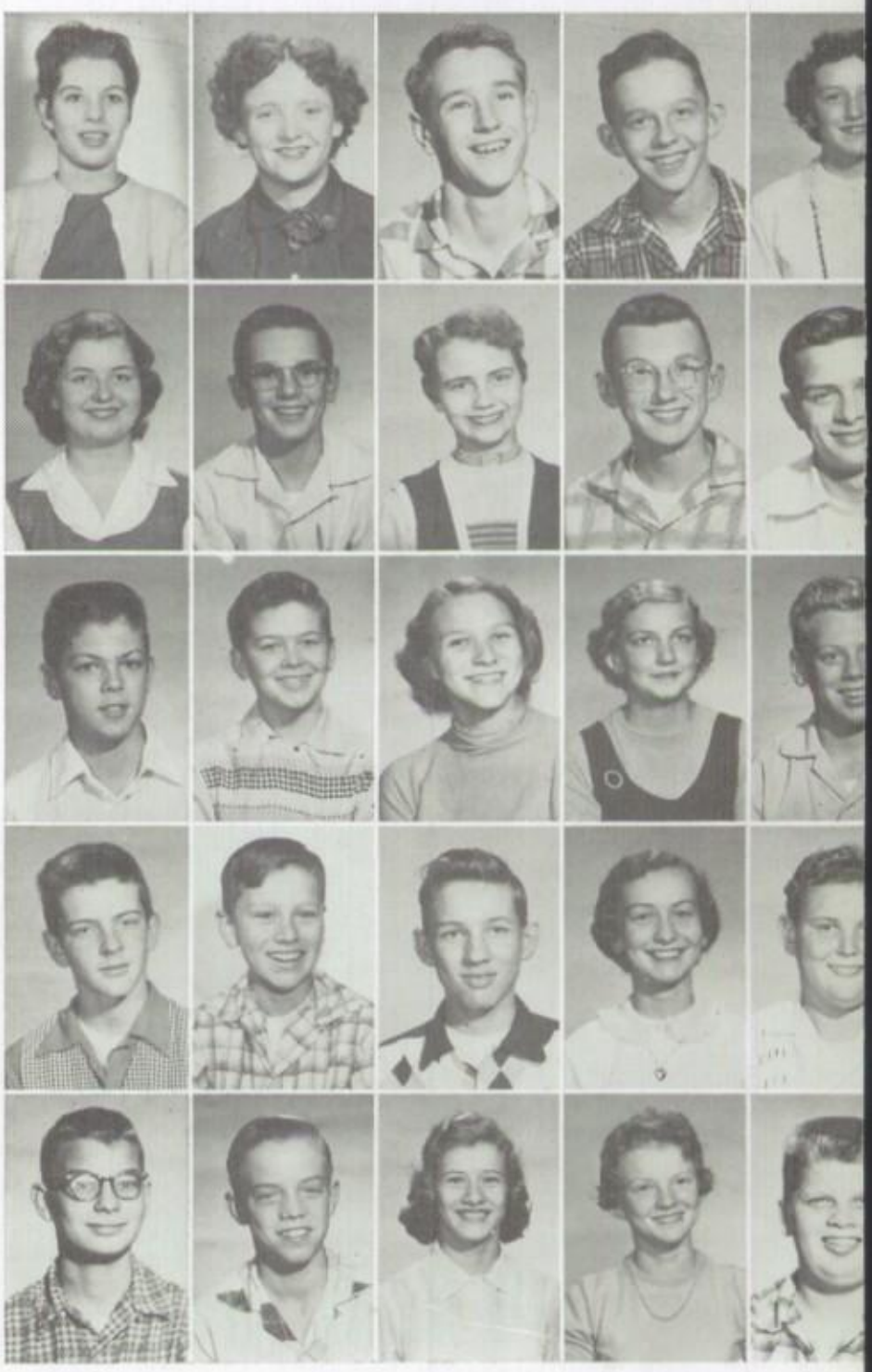

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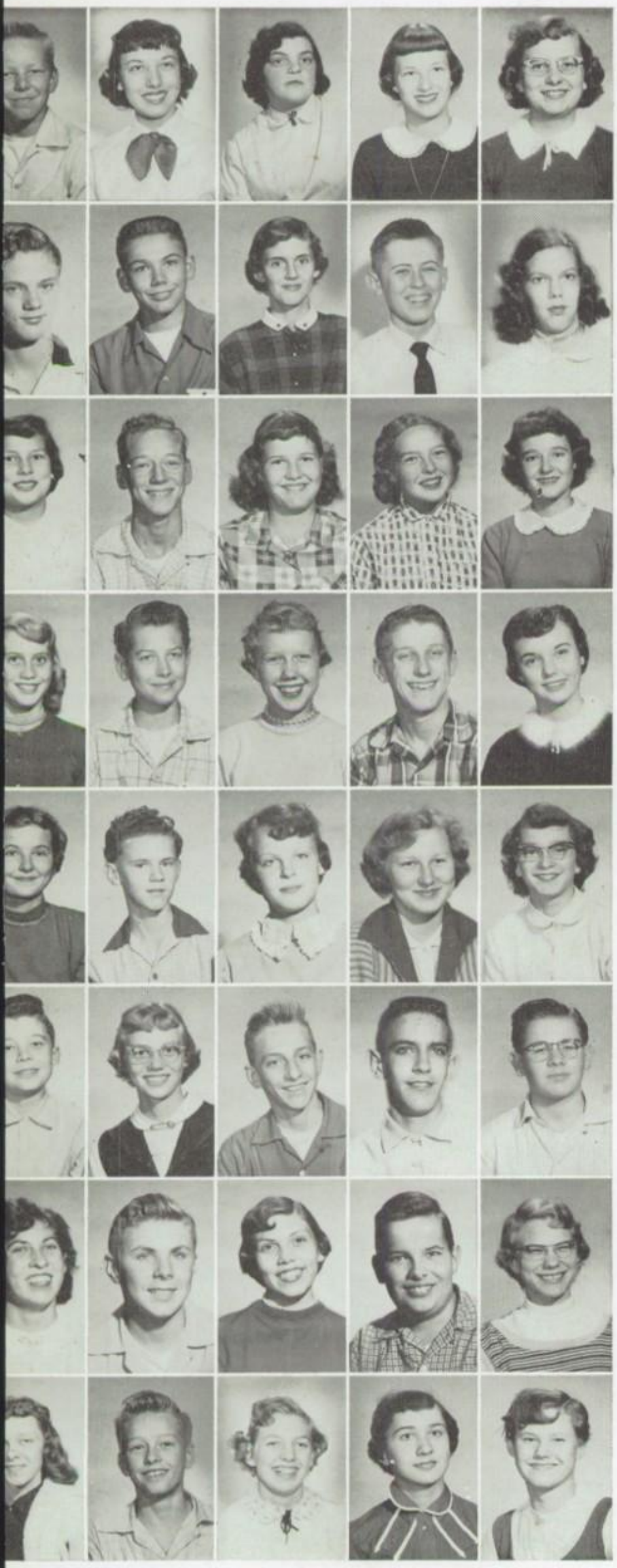

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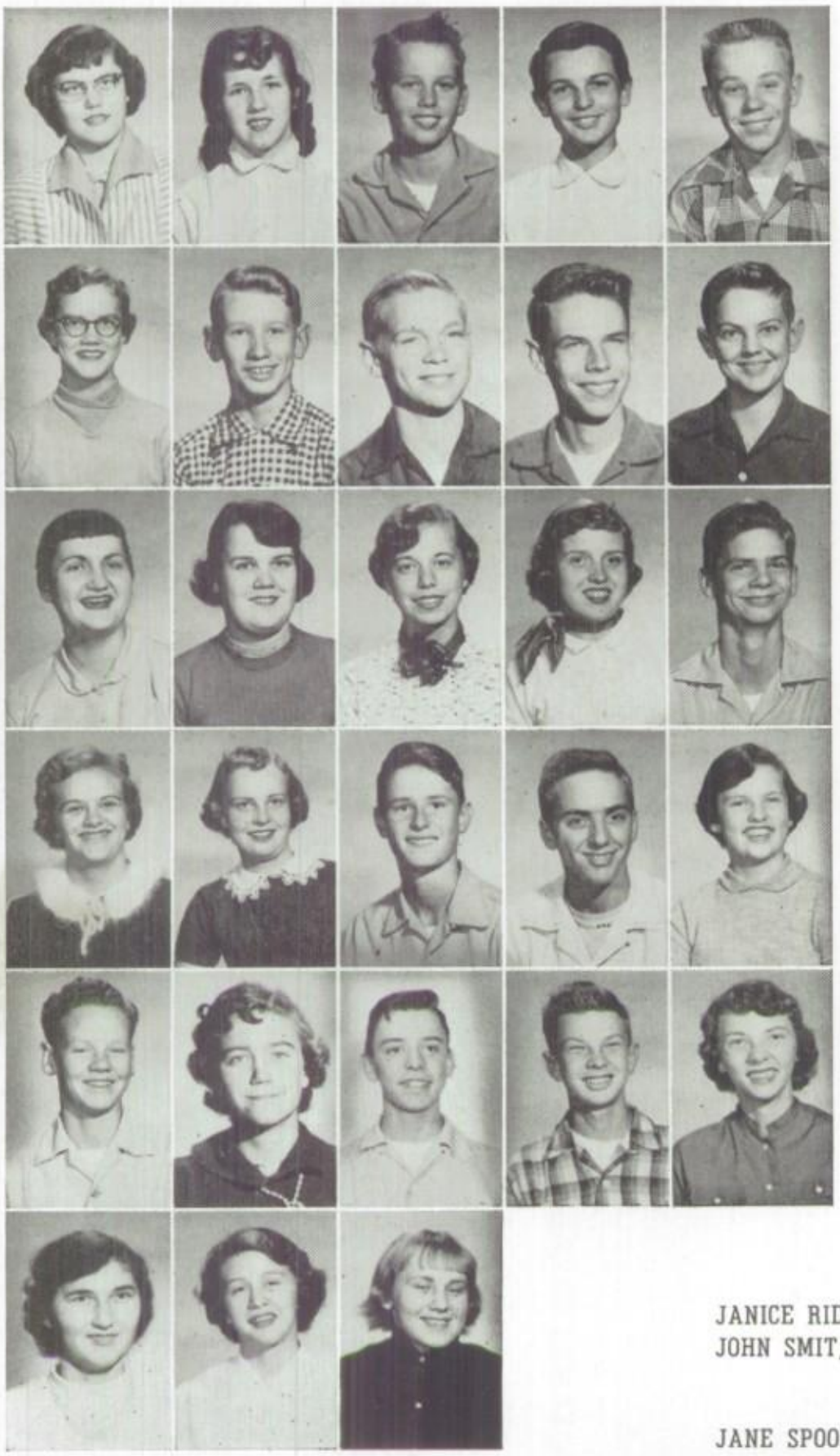

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JEAN ZANDSTRA, LYNN ZEILENGA, NANCY ZEILENGA.

ACTIVITIES

Wheaton Academy Choir fills each heart with a blessing in song.

CHAPEL SERVICE

Chaplain L. King tells of his experiences as the Protestant Chaplain at Bridewell House of Correction.

Chapel period adds inspirational meditation to each day. It consists of student chairman, and speakers. The music can be school talent, outside talent, or choirs from various communities. Speakers are either students, teachers, laymen, or ministers. This is a devotional period which adds a deeper spiritual meaning to our everyday lives.

ASSEMBLIES

The Seniorettes and Visual Ed Club have had charge of planning the traditional Friday assemblies. Most of the assemblies use talent within the school and are conducted by separate committees, although we have interesting variations with outside talent. Some of our high-lights of the year have been the crowning of the queen, freshie assemblies, Western day, and various holidays.

"I Love You Truly"
Marlene Vander Geest and Jacque La Reau, narrators—
Alice Vander Beek and Don De Vries, pantomimists.

"I'm Gettin' Nuttin' for Christmas"
Louise Vander Zee, Joann Porter, Cecilia Meeter

"We are Freshies green"

"Home on the Range"

And now I crown thee "Queen Barbara"
Carole Van Zuidam, Sheila Boelens, Barbara De Valk, Beverly Eylander

STUDENT ACTIVITY DAY

On this day the students of Illiana are freed from the strenuous mental labor of school and are sent out to make money for their own school activities. Many of our students work on the farms, or in filling stations, local stores, and various other business establishments. Some of our students who can afford to contribute out of their own funds stay home and catch up on sleep, do homework, or go shopping. The money which is made on this day is donated to the school student activity fund, which finances many of our extra-curricular activities.

Janet Reidstra, Judy Reidstra—"Bread 25c . . .ding. . .apples 39c. . .ding. . .and so on through the day.

Karen Van Zuidam, Betty Hooker, Sylvia Huizinga—"Chocolate sundae, or are you on a diet?"

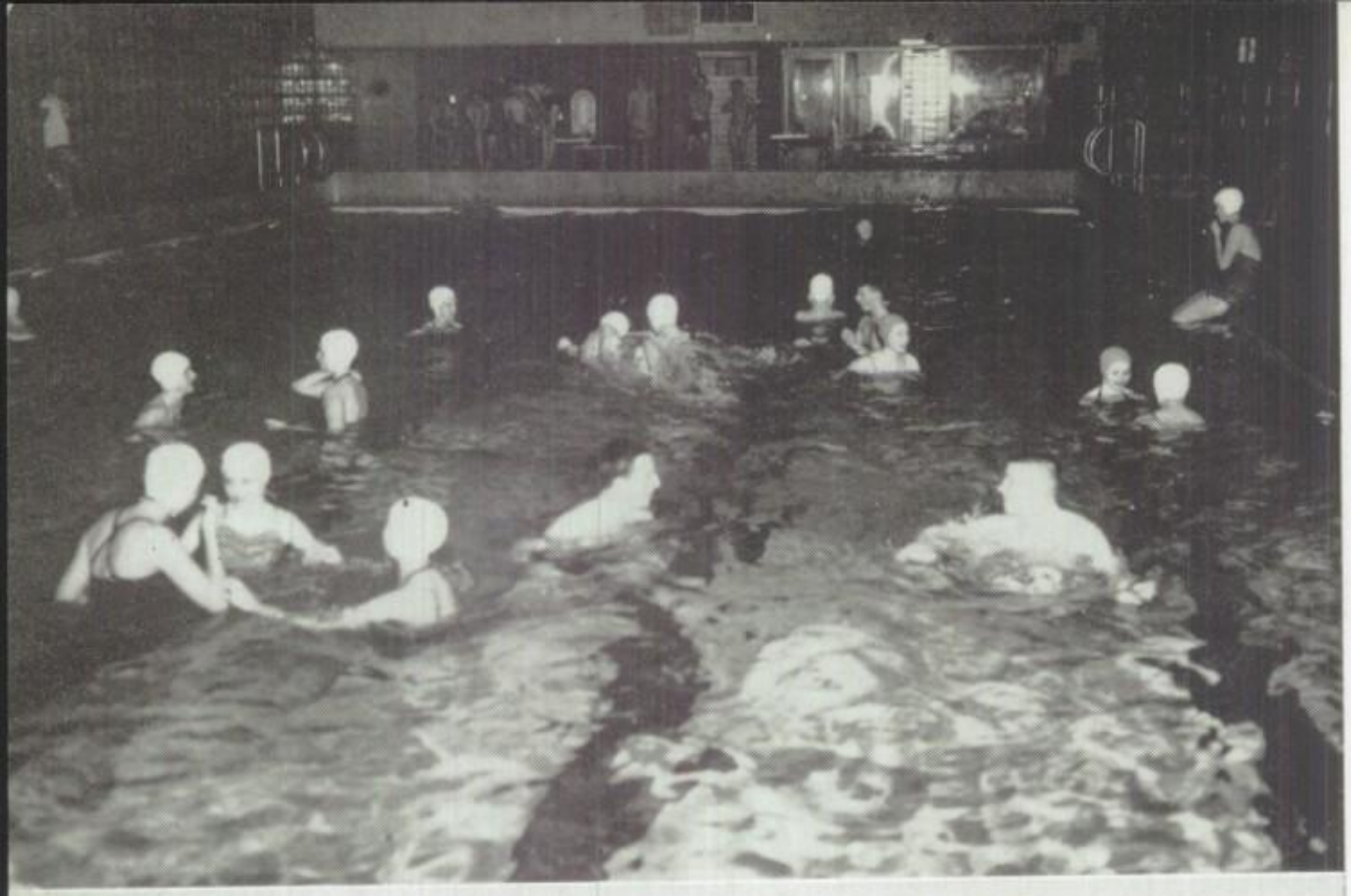
Carl Boender, John Huisman—"This farming life is for me!"

SKATING PARTY

One of the highlights of the year is our annual Skating Party sponsored by the Student Council. This is a night in which the teachers and students get together for an evening of fun and enjoyment.

Thrills and spills of the evening.

Tripping trios.

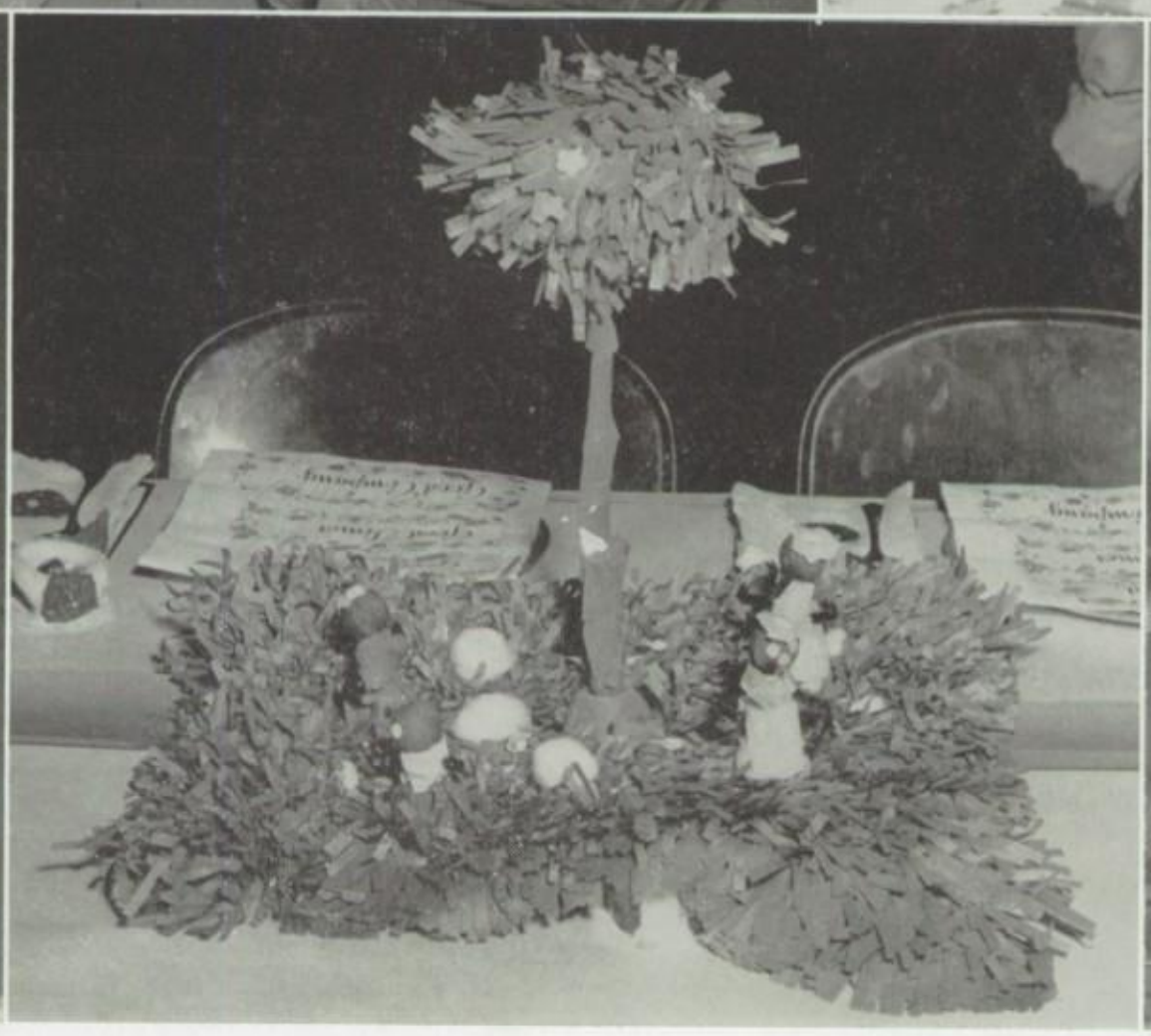


You splash me; I'll splash you.

Climb a mile, then sw-o-o-s-sh!

All set? You bet!

Among other extra curricular activities are the all-school toboggan party and the choir splash party. The toboggan party was held at Palos Park, and the splash party was held at the Thornton Township swimming pool.



JUNIOR ALL SCHOOL PARTY

It is traditional that the junior class sponsors an all-school party. This year their theme, "Old South", was cleverly carried out. The black-faced juniors were attired as negroes and presented a minstrel show which was enjoyed by all.

Ringside view of the "Old South."

Kitchen band, darkie-style.

I's a black one, I is—Jerry Zandstra

The center of attraction.

Ye should be women, but your clothes reveal that which you are not.
Karen Blom, Janet Hoeksema

SENIOR PLAY

THE PLAY CAST OF 1956

Title: The Hoosier Schoolmaster

Director: Mrs. H. Meeter

Date: April 5 and 6

Cast:

Mrs. Means	Eleanor Vander Vliet
Hannah Thompson	Jacque La Reau
Hoosier Schoolmaster	Andrew Templeman
Shocky	Rich De Vries
Bud Means	Leroy De Graaf
Hank Banta	Anco Balkema
Miranda Means	Doris Schepel
Dr. Henry Small	Henry Bosch
Martha Hawkins	Betty Hooker
Squire Hawkins	Jay Zandstra
Betsy Short	Ahleen Terpstra
Extras	Carol Hoekstra
	Carol Slager
	Art Verhulst
	Fred Visser

"Don't forget the fire and brimstone, Hank."

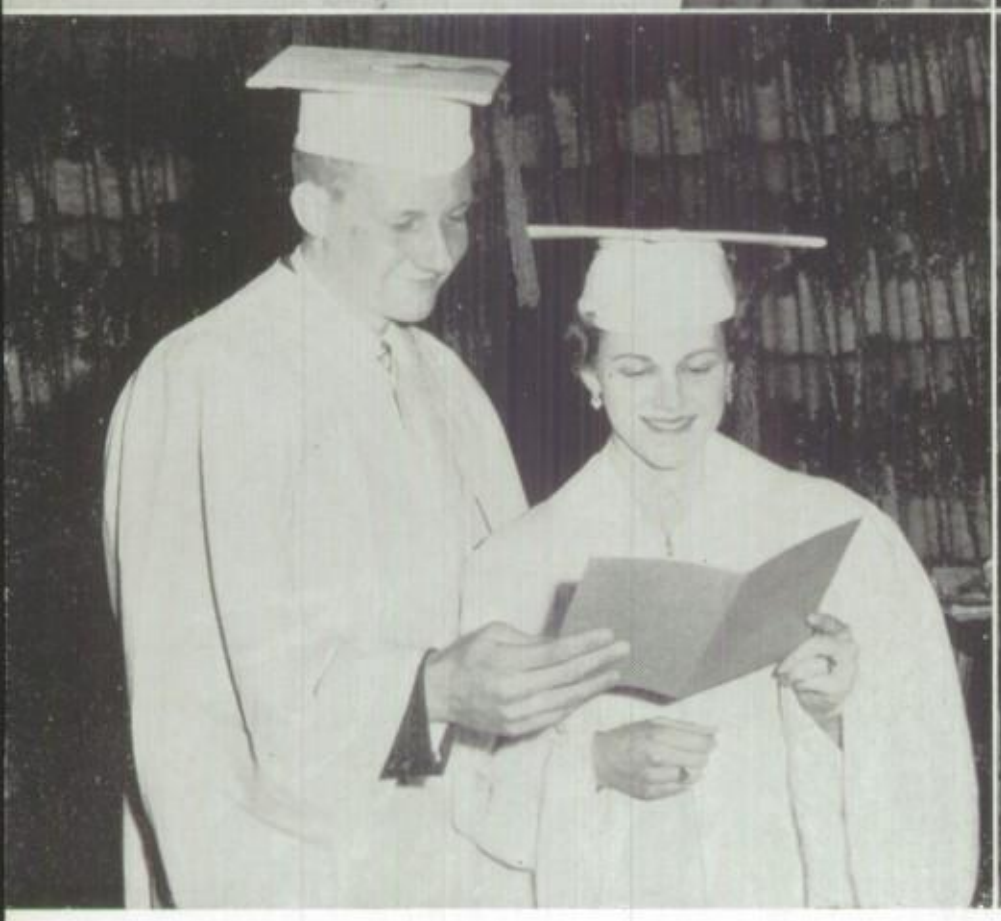
"Can't I even have a sandwich?"

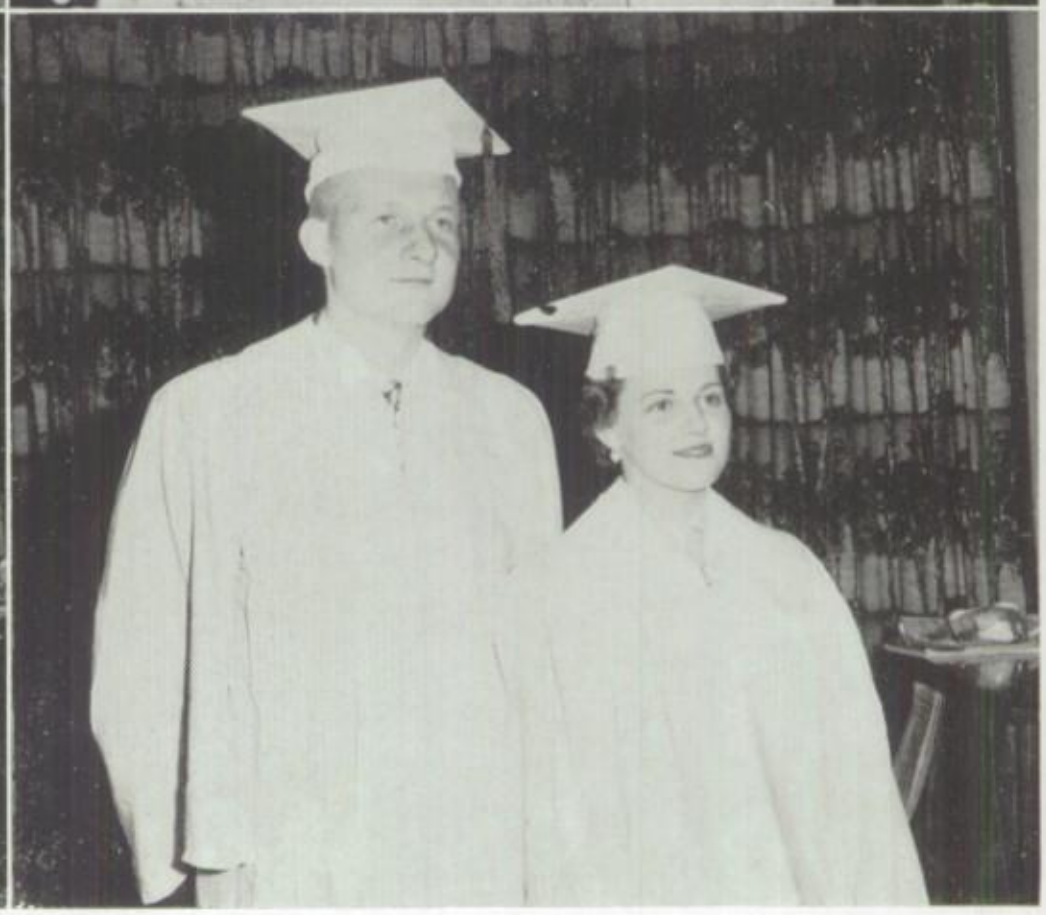
"Stick your gavel down your throat and choke yourself."

SENIOR BANQUET

The Senior Banquet is an occasion that all the Seniors look forward to as one of the biggest events of the year. This year it was held at Teibel's Restaurant in Dyer, Indiana. Mrs. Van Dyken, an artist from Western Springs, painted a picture and described each step as she went along. Our master of ceremonies for the evening was Fred Visser.

All dressed up for the big occasion.
"This is barn general, not barn specific."
"I had nothing but 50c"—Fred Visser, Vern Recker, Andy Reitveld, Rich De Vries. Carole Van Zuidam, pianist.





The big day has arrived. Bev Waltra and Fred Visser.

Can I help you with your robe?

Your name looks great in print.

What will the future hold for us?

GRADUATION

We were sad and glad to leave the halls of Illiana on June 7, 1956. This was a day long looked forward to by us as Seniors, because we were the first class to graduate in our newly completed gym.

ORGANIZATIONS

Editors:
Leroy De Graff, Assistant editor
Mr. Oppewal, advisor
Eleanor Vander Vliet, editor

Photography:
Grace De Young
Jim Swets, editor
Carole Van Zuidam

Literary:
Beverly Eylander
Jacque La Reau
Marlene Vander Geest, editor
Beverly Walstra

SPIRE STAFF

Dear Reader:

We, the Spire staff, are very proud to have prepared this annual for your pleasure. With Mr. Oppewal as our capable advisor, we have met every Monday evening. Thus we have given much time and effort to make this annual a success.

Signed,

The Spire Staff of "56"

P. S. The literary staff worked long and hard on this material, so please cooperate by reading all the fine print. Thank you.

Artists:
Sheila Boelens
Betty Hooker

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Chuck Pynakker, Manager
Mr. Vanden Hoek, Advisor
Vern Recker

Typists:
Rose Kamstra
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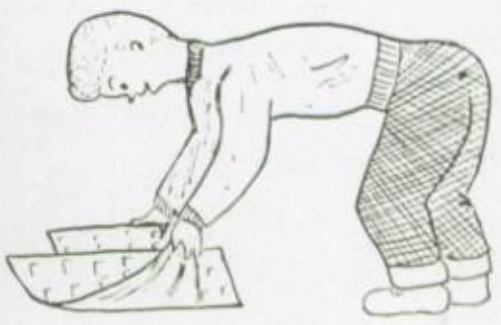
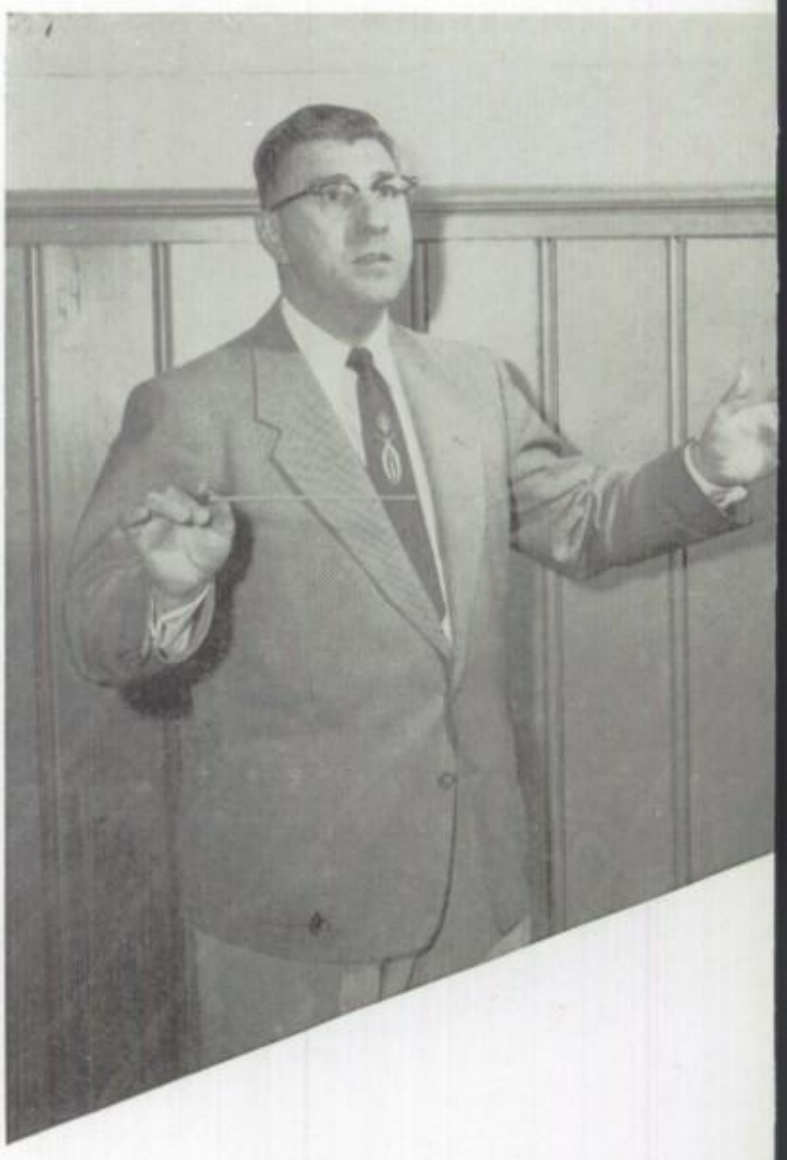


SENIOR CHOIR

We have good reason to be proud of our choir, which is under the direction of Mr. Zafros. The choir has again had occasion to present itself at several different functions, such as giving concerts, singing for chapel, and many church activities.



Mr. Zafros—Everybody ready now?

Grace De Young—"I wish they'd keep in time."

Bob De Vries, Mr. Bernard Izzo—

Me
Me Me
Me Me
Me

First Row:
Grace Rietveld, Carol Slager, Mary Lou Meppelink, Irene Tally, Rose Kamstra, Joanne De Leeuw, Joanne Porter, Sylvia Huizinga, Norma Boonstra, Jacque La Reau, Louella Lich, Betty Van Wieren, Donna Vander Weide, Betty Hooker.

Second Row:
Beverly Walstra, Emmelene Bakker, Cecelia Meeter, Carol Svencner, Marcia Bakker, Marlene Vander Geest, Doris Schepel, Alice Vander Beek, Sheila Boelens, Grace De Young, Eleanor Vander Vliet, Karen Faber, Wilma Wiersma, Marcella Schepel, Eunice Vander Weide, Carol Hoekstra.

Third Row:
Gertrude Vroegh, Louise Vander Zee, Carol Dykstra, Alvina Oosterhuis, Magdeline Reinsma, Arlene Hoffman, Evelyn Vander Zee, Janet Ooms, Arlene Swart, Beverly Eylander, Lillian Vander Wall, Jean Borst, Laverne Vander Wall, Janet Smits, Janet Stammis, Charlotte Vander Weide.

Fourth Row:
Barbara De Valk, Carole Van Zuidam, Ahleen Terpstra, Rich De Vries, Andy Rietveld, Bob De Vries, Clyde Smits, Henry Bosch, Fred Visser, Leroy De Graaf, Anco Balkema, Andy Templeman, Chuck Pynakker, Vern Recker, Cornelius Boomsma, Frank Van Baren, John Schoon.

BAND ROSTER

Trombones:
LeRoy De Graaf
Roger Moes
Ted De Jong
Leon Plug
John De Young
Ron Ellens

Baritones:
Glenn Porter
Carl Ericks
Ron Reinsma
Ron De Young

Sax- Horn- Flute:
Jackie Haak
Lucille Van Til
Harry Holwerda
Charles Terpstra
Jackie Rottier
LaVerne Vander Wall
Joyce Eenigenburg

Basses:
John Van Zytveld
Tom Templeman

Percussion:
Neal Van Drunen
Rich Gravengoed
Ronald Ericks
Bob Harkema

Clarinets:
JoAnn De Leeuw
Janet Ooms
Fred Visser
Wesley Molenaar
Karen Blom
Janet Hoeksema
Betty Van Wieren
Pat Vander Heyden
Joyce Wiersma
Ruth Poortinga
Judy Kuiper
Jean Zandstra
Ray Vander Molen
John Huisman

Cornets:
Rich Smits
Jerry Zandstra
Ron Boender
John Kraai
Jim De Jong
Jack De Vries
Dennis Blom
Roger Zigterman
Marvin Hoekstra
David Pals
Harvard Vander Vliet
Dennis De Vries

Hitting the "A" precisely—Karen Blom, Mr. De Caprio

Rat-ta-tat-tat—Joe Van Schouwen, Neil Van Drunen

BAND

Under the leadership of Mr. Zafros the band has had a very successful year. They have mastered many difficult compositions which were enjoyed by all. The band, while preparing for concerts, has managed to fit many chapel and assembly programs into its busy schedule.

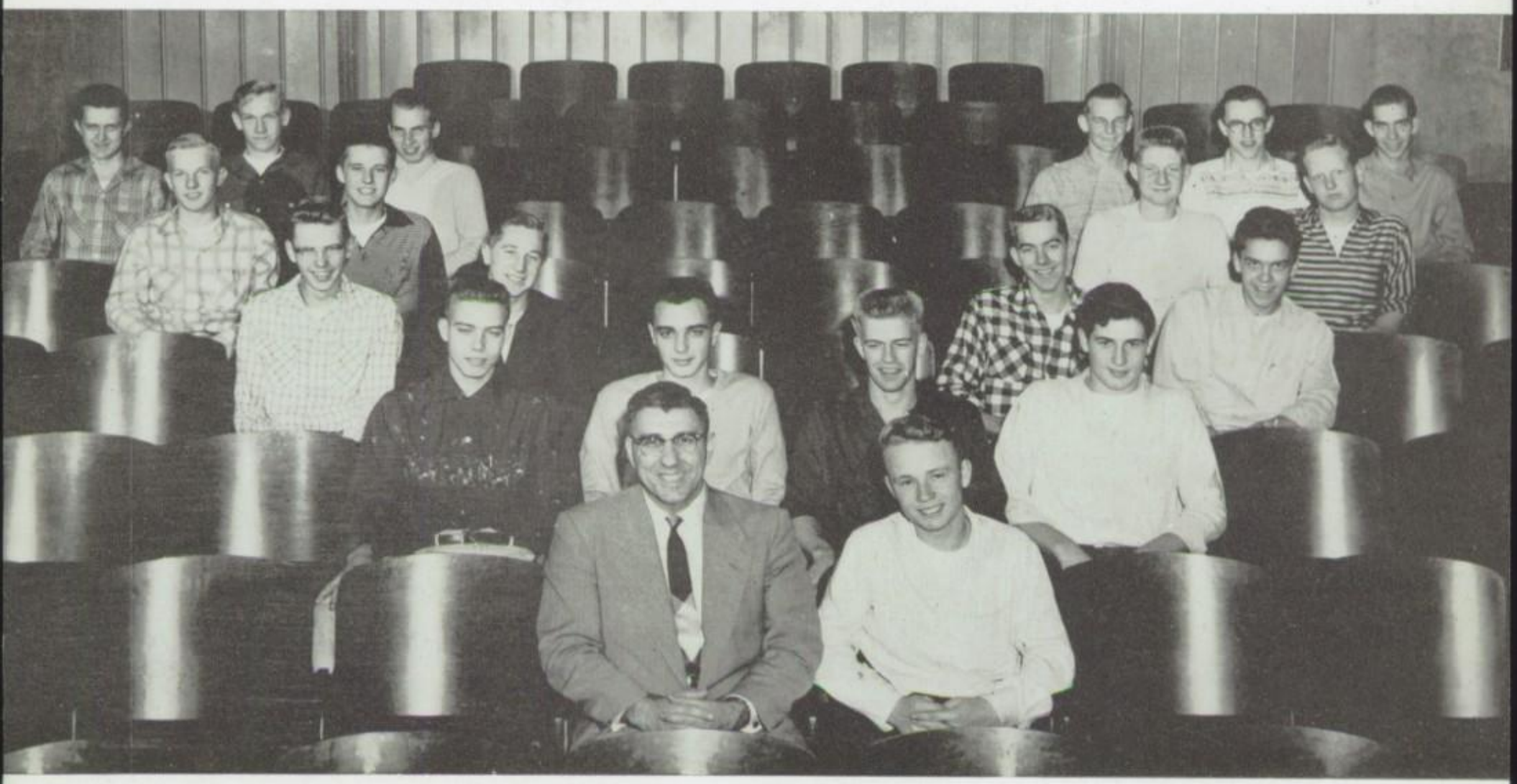
Miss Schuringa, advisor, Barbara De Valk, President, Carol Van Zuidam, Vice President, Beverly Eylander, Secretary, Sheila Boelens, Treasurer, Lillian Vander Wall, Jacque La Reau, Carol Hoekstra, Sylvia Huizinga, Betty Hooker, Rose Kamstra, Emmelene Bakker, Eunice Vander Weide, Minnie Van Keppel, Norma Boonstra, Carol Slager, Beverly Walstra, Doris Schepel, Eleanor Vander Vliet, Arlene Swart, Carol Scvencner, Louella Bultema, Irene Talley, Pat Sluis, Katheryn Poortenga, Marlene Vander Geest, Grace De Young.

SENIORETTES

Through the sale of pie, candy, hot dogs, bar-b-que, bows and taffy apples, the Seniorettes have succeeded in raising money for the school. They also sponsor an annual Christmas and Easter Vesper service, and bi-monthly assemblies. The members consist of all the girls in the Senior Class.

Oh boy, fudge!

VISUAL EDUCATION



Rich Kamstra, Carl Bultema, Andy Templeman, Henry Bosch, Neil Boomsma, Leroy De Graaf, Frank Van Baren, Jim Smit, Mr. Zafros, Andy Rietveld, Rich De Vries, Art Verhulst, Vern Recker, Jim Swets, Ted Hoekstra, Fred Visser, Anco Balkema, Herm Ridder, Jay Zandstra, Ron Boender.

"Now if you'll all pay attention, I'll show you how this thing works."

The general purpose of the Visual Education Club is to provide visual and audio equipment for classroom and assembly use. As one of its regular activities, it has presented many different types of films for our Friday assemblies. One of its main projects was to conduct a scrap drive. With the proceeds they were able to buy a new movie projector and a film strip machine.

ECHO STAFF

This year for the first time the Echo Staff has been exclusively a Junior Class project. They distribute the Echo once a month. It includes all the latest school activities, inside information on teachers and students, and a variety of literary entertainment. Miss Eiten, their capable advisor, has helped them a great deal in achieving this year's success.

Miss Eiten - Advisor, Louise Vander Zee - Layout, Janet Hoeksema - Typist, Laverne Vander Wall - Layout, Joyce Eenigenburg - Typist, Karen Blom - Typist, Magdalene Reinsma - Subscriptions, Jean Borst - Typist, David Zandstra - Editor, Jerry Zandstra - Subscriptions, John Schoon - Subscriptions.

JoAnn De Leeuw - Assistant Editor, Cecelia Meeter - Feature Editor, Annette Huizenga - Feature Writer, Marcella Schepel - Feature Writer, Betty Van Wieren - Music, Harry Holwerda - Feature Writer, Janet Smits - Chapel and Assembly, Rich Smits - Assistant Sports Writer, Arlene Hoffman, Clyde Smits - Sports Writer.

Jacque La Reau - Chairman, Speaker's; Norma Boonstra - Special Music; Barbara De Valk - Organists and Pianists; Mr. Zafros - Advisor.
Cecelia Meeter - Chairman, Special Music; Jane Ann Heerema - Organists and Pianists; Donna Bos - Speakers; Marilyn Van Beek - Chairman, of Chairman Committee.
Rich Smits - Special Music; Leroy De Graaf - Speakers; John Van Zytveld - Chairman.

CHAPEL COMMITTEE

Under the leadership of Mr. Zafros, a variety of daily chapel services are planned by the Chapel Committee. It is divided into sub-committees which consist of speakers', special music, chairman, and piano-organ player's committees. They plan unique services which are a guide and inspiration to the students' lives.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Grace De Young, Sheila Boelens, Janet Maatman - Secretary, Cecelia Meeter - President, Charlotte Vander Weide, Jean Slager - Treasurer, Rich De Vries, Mr. Van Beek - Sponsor, Leroy De Graaf, John Kraai, Jim Lagestee, Bob Harkema, Jack Van Prooyen.

The Student Council has contributed a great deal to school life. With Mr. Van Beek as its sponsor, it was able to organize different activities such as skating parties, games night, the oratorical contest, ping pong tournaments, amateur hours, and additional activities.

What color did you get?

A little powder and a little point...

"Tile we meet again."

A pause that refreshes.

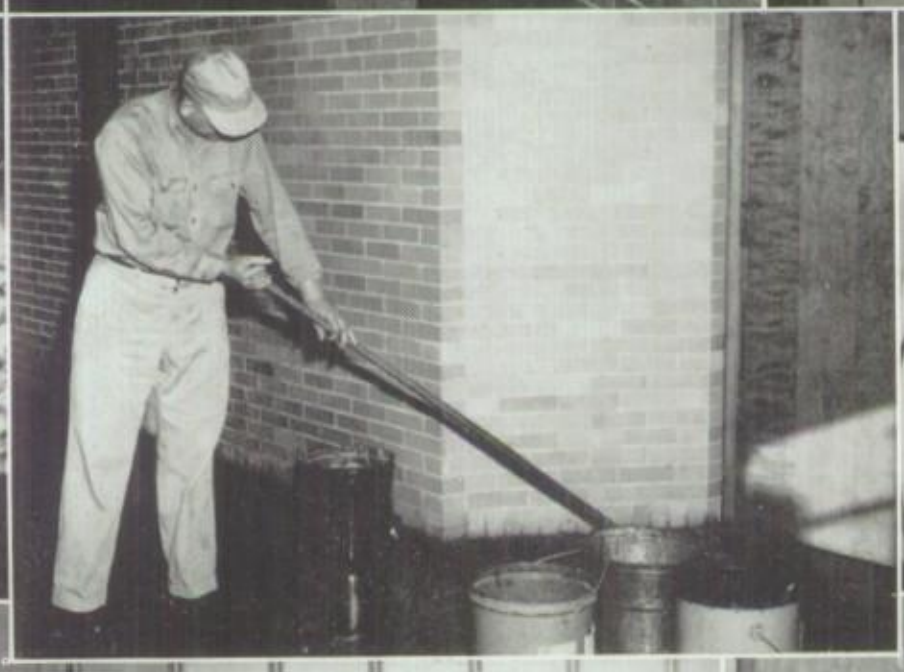
Water, water, everywhere.

Fit to be tied.

Sleepy time gals.

What picture shall we take next?

"That will be 50c please."



ATHLETICS

Clyde Smits - Guard, Andy Templeman - Forward, Harry Holwerda - Forward, Jim Swets - Guard, Captain, Andy Rietveld - Guard, Rich Smits - Center, Roger Zigterman - Guard,
Frank Van Baren - Forward, Gerald Kuiper - Guard.

Keeping an eagle eye on things—Mr. De Ruiter, Mrs. De Ruiter.

BASKETBALL

Under the coaching of Mr. C. De Ruiter, our basketball team has accomplished much in achieving real team work. By the end of the year, although it won few games, he had succeeded in welding the team into a smoothly functioning group.

CHEERLEADERS

The cheerleading squad faithfully attended every basketball game this year, and cheered on the team equally in victory or in defeat. They were an outstanding example of the growing enthusiasm and school spirit here at Illiana.

See that basket!
See that rim!
Come on, Frank,
Put it in!

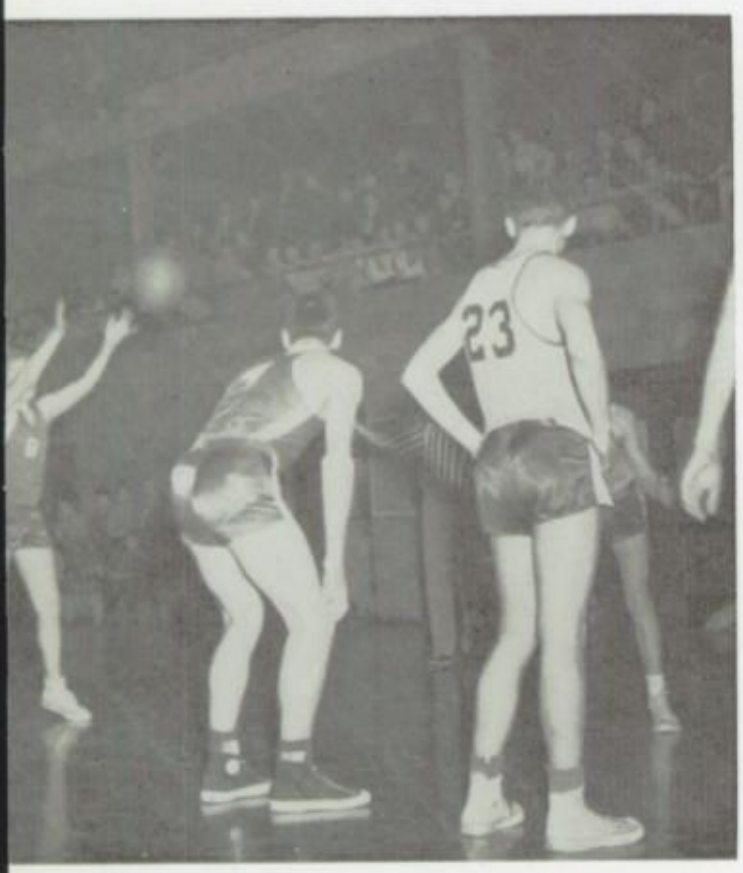
Marlene Van Der Geest, Jacque La Reau, Laverne Vander Wall, Sharon Pals, Louise Vander Zee, Joanne Porter.

Joanne De Leeuw, Cecelia Meeter, Marilyn Van Beek, Eleanor Vander Vliet - Captain Grace De Young, Alice Vander Beek, Doris Schepel, Carol Svencner, Donna Vander Weide.

Mrs. C. De Ruiter

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

The girls' basketball team this year was coached by the wife of one of our faculty members, Mrs. C. De Ruiter. The team didn't win many games, but it played with vim and vigor in spite of defeats.



Baskets, baskets, baskets, boys;
You make the baskets, we'll make the noise.

FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

In order to have an experienced varsity team, a fundamental freshman team is necessary. They have given their best for the team and are looking forward to the day when they too shall be a member of the varsity team.

Glenn Smits, John Balkema, Rich Grevengoed, Rickey Brandsma, Larry Van Til, Glen Porter, Roger Zigterman, Gerald Kuiper.

Duck, De Young.

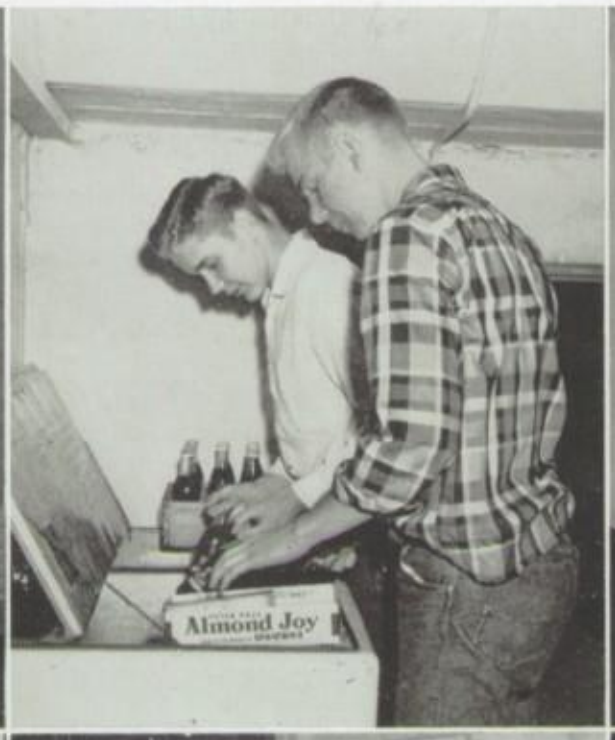
A swing and a miss.

BASEBALL

This newly organized sport has added a variation of an age old sport, for the underclassmen.

"Take me out to the ballgame
Take me out to the park . . . "

Strike three, you're out!



What have we next?

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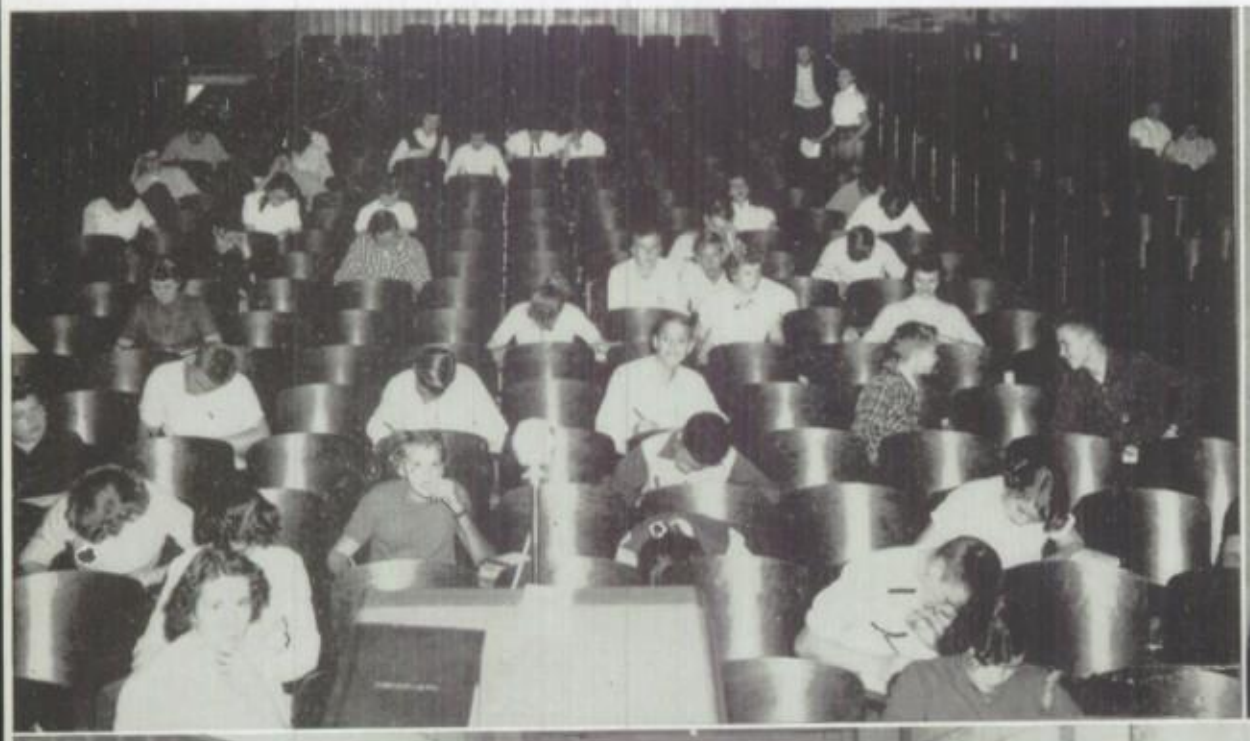
The life of these workers.



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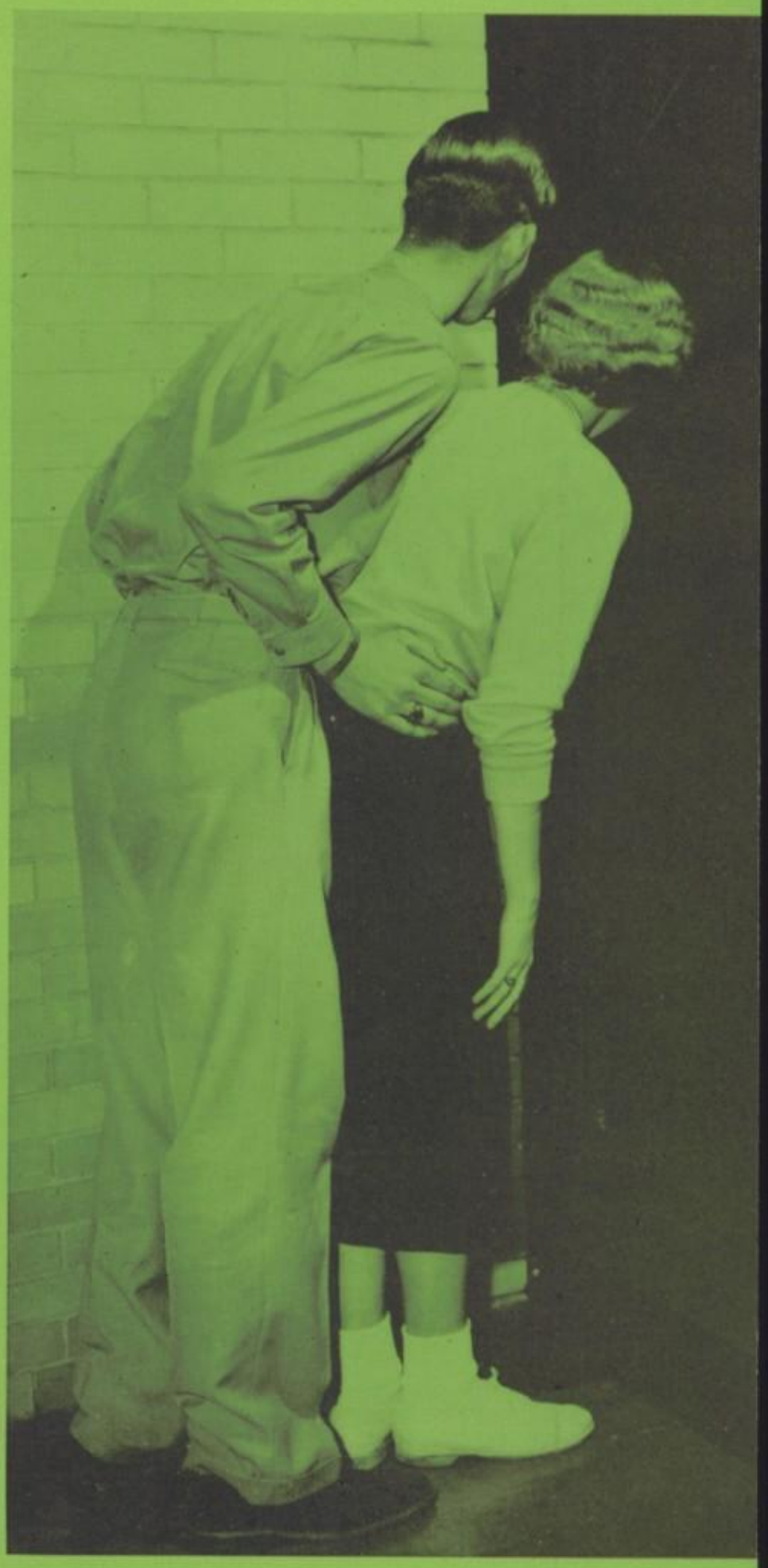

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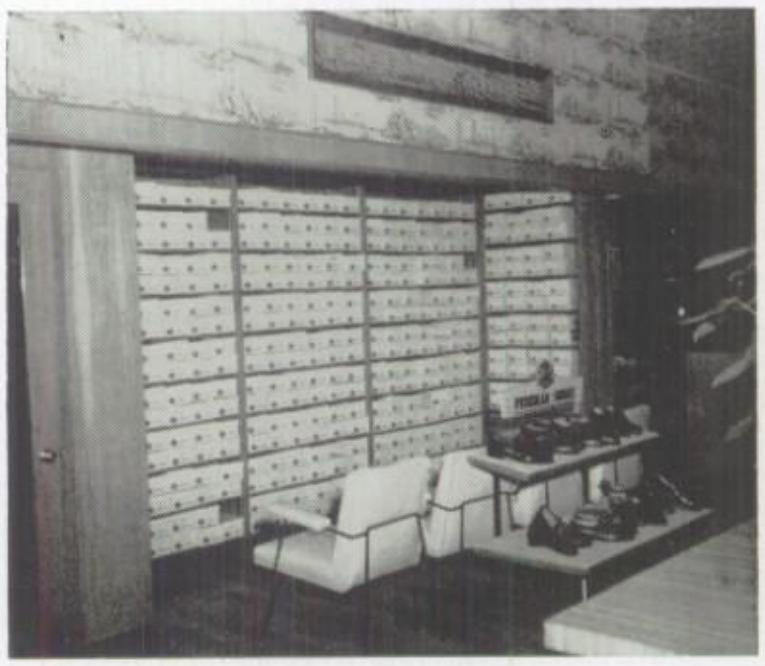

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